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BATMAN

HERE COMES THAT
MAN OF A THOUSAND
UMBRELLAS AGAIN—

THE PENGUIN

—AND THAT MEANS
STORMY WEATHER
AHEAD FOR

**BATMAN
AND ROBIN!**



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WITH

ROBIN

BOY WONDER -

BACK
TWENTY-FIVE CEN-
TURIES TO THE GLORY
THAT WAS ANCIENT GREECE
FLASH BATMAN AND ROBIN
TO PLAY A THRILLING PART IN THE
HISTORIC OLYMPIC GAMES—WHEN
TREACHEROUS PLOTTERS SEEK TO
WRECK THAT GREATEST OF
ATHLETIC CONTESTS! AND AS THE
POWER-HOUSE PAIR FROM THE
FUTURE PLUNGE BACK THROUGH
THE PAST TO ENTER THE STRUGGLE
—THEY FIND PLENTY OF—

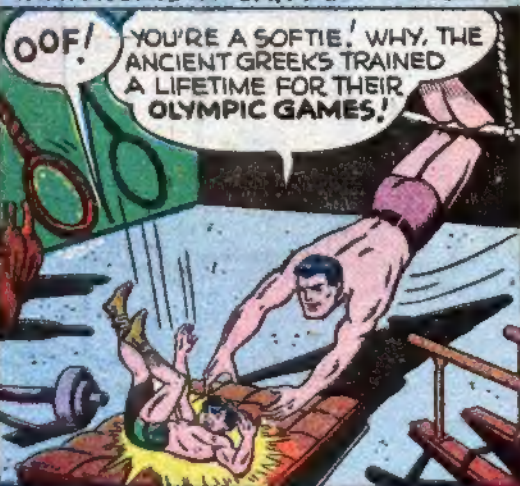
“PERIL IN GREECE!”



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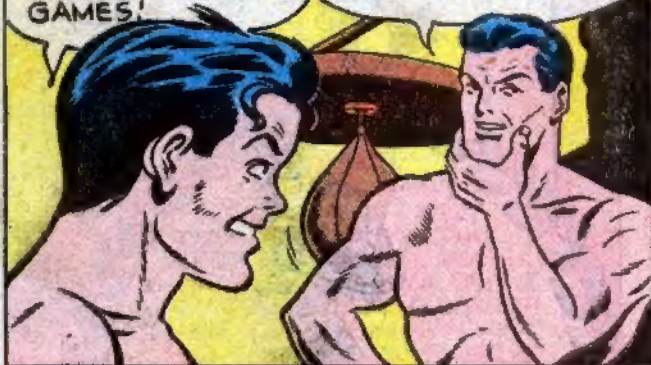
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A DAILY WORKOUT KEEPS BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON FIT FOR THEIR ROLES OF BATMAN AND ROBIN...



BOY, I WISH I COULD HAVE SEEN THOSE ORIGINAL OLYMPIC GAMES!

SO DO I! SAY—MAYBE PROFESSOR NICHOLS CAN ARRANGE IT!



SO, ONCE AGAIN PROFESSOR CARTER NICHOLS' POTENT SCIENCE SENDS HIS TWO FRIENDS BACK INTO THE PAST...



AND INTO ANOTHER AGE...

WE'LL ASK AT A PALAESTRA, OR TRAINING GYMNASIUM!

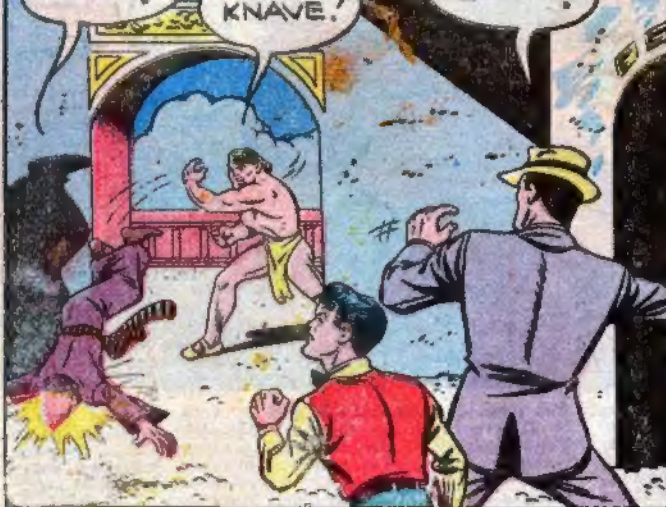
SO THIS IS ATHENS IN THE 5TH CENTURY B.C. WHEN DO THE OLYMPIC GAMES COME OFF?



HELP! STOP—I'LL GET MY MEN—!

OUT, KNAVE!

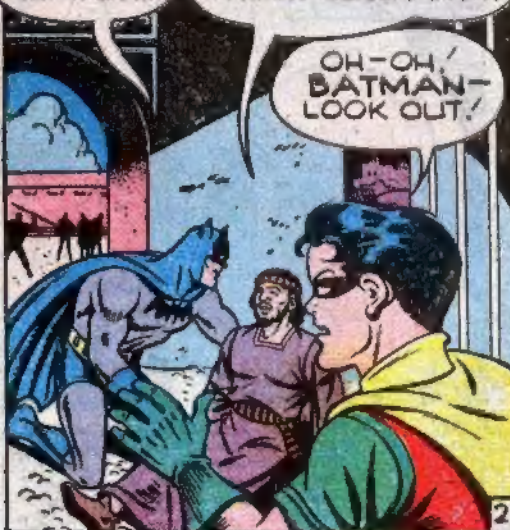
OH-OH! TROUBLE—LET'S CHANGE! QUICK!

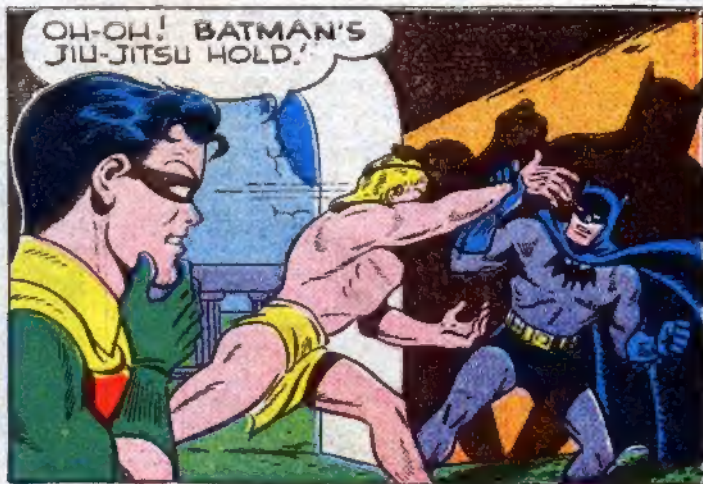


THAT WAS A RATHER UNEVEN MATCH!

THANKS, STRANGERS! YES, MILO IS THE STRONGEST MAN IN ATHENS! I AM BYRUS, A POOR MERCHANT...

OH-OH! BATMAN—LOOK OUT!

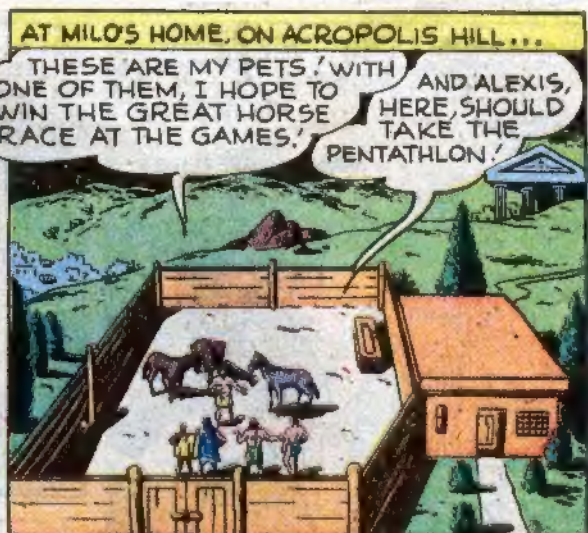






YOU MUST BE MY GUESTS!

YES! COME TO MILO'S HOME AND SHOW US THOSE CLEVER WRESTLING TRICKS, BATMAN!



AT MILO'S HOME, ON ACROPOLIS HILL...

THESE ARE MY PETS! WITH ONE OF THEM, I HOPE TO WIN THE GREAT HORSE RACE AT THE GAMES.

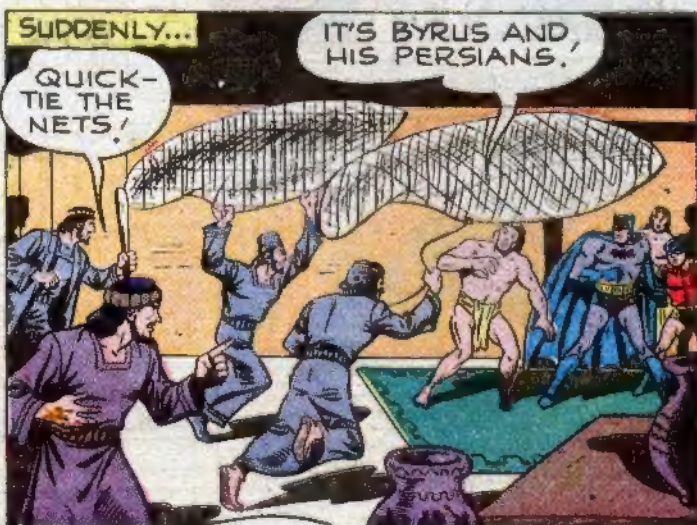
AND ALEXIS, HERE SHOULD TAKE THE PENTATHLON!



LATER...

THAT'S HOW IT'S DONE, MILO!

IT'S TOO COMPLEX FOR ME! I'LL RELY ON THE HOLDS I KNOW!



SUDDENLY...

QUICK-TIE THE NETS!

IT'S BYRUS AND HIS PERSIANS!



STUN THEM! THEN TAKE THE THREE ATHLETES TO OUR SHIP!

WHEN THE STRANGERS ARE FOUND WITH THIS SPARTAN GOLD, IT'LL LOOK AS IF SPARTA PAID THEM TO DO AWAY WITH ATHENS' CHAMPION ATHLETES!



BUT HOW WILL THAT PROFIT US?



IT WILL STIR DISSENSION AMONG THE GREEKS AND MAKE IT EASY FOR US PERSIANS TO CONQUER THEM!



I TELL YOU BYRUS AND HIS PERSIANS CAPTURED YOUR ATHLETES!

THE STRANGERS LIE! SEIZE THEM! KILL THEM!



LATER...

FOUL PLAY HERE! HO, CALL THE PEOPLE!

STRANGERS WITH SPARTAN GOLD, AND OUR PRIZE ATHLETES GONE!



YOU CAN'T REASON WITH AN ANGRY MOB! COME ON!



THEY'LL CLEAR A WAY FOR US THROUGH THE CROWD!



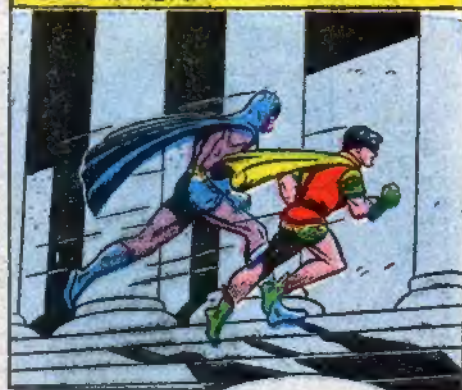
TO THE ACROPOLIS! WE'LL HIDE THERE UNTIL THIS CROWD COOLS OFF!



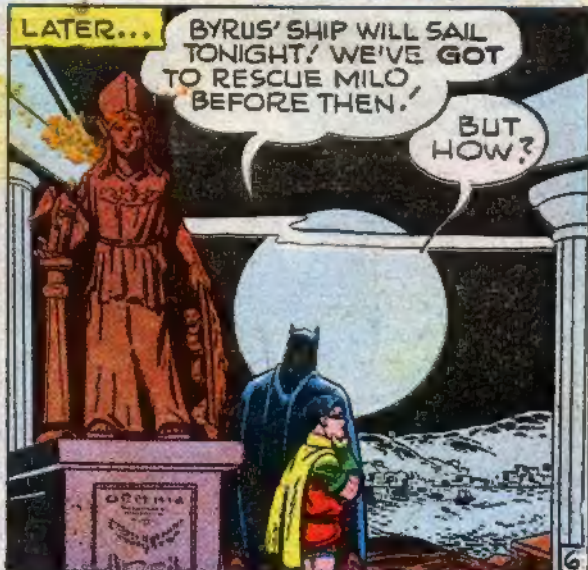
THE ACROPOLIS, SACRED HILL OF ATHENS...

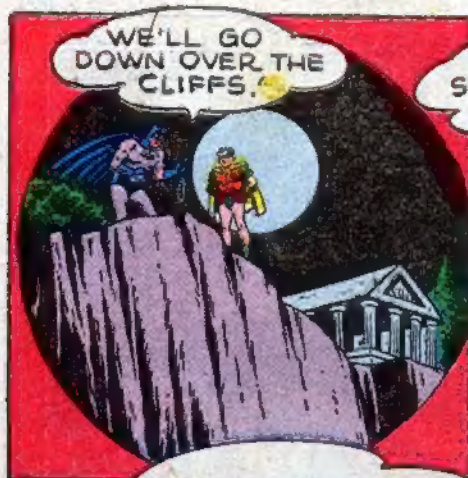


QUICK, TO THE PARTHENON!

WHAT GOOD
WILL THAT
DO US?IT'S THE
PRIEST OF
ATHENA!INTO THE PARTHENON, TEMPLE
OF ATHENA...HOLD! THIS
SACRED TEMPLE
IS SANCTUARY!THE RIGHT OF SANCTUARY! NOT EVEN MUR-
DERERS COULD BE ARRESTED IN THE
SACRED TEMPLES OF ANCIENT GREECE!WATCH THE PATHS!
WHEN THEY SEEK TO
LEAVE, WE'LL GET
THEM!THEY'LL NEVER
BELIEVE OUR
STORY!

LATER...

BYRUS' SHIP WILL SAIL
TONIGHT! WE'VE GOT
TO RESCUE MILO
BEFORE THEN.BUT
HOW?



WE'LL GO DOWN OVER THE CLIFFS.

THEY HAVEN'T SEEN US. THAT'S A BREAK!

LATER, AT THE PIRAEUS, OR HARBOR.

WE'RE TOO LATE!

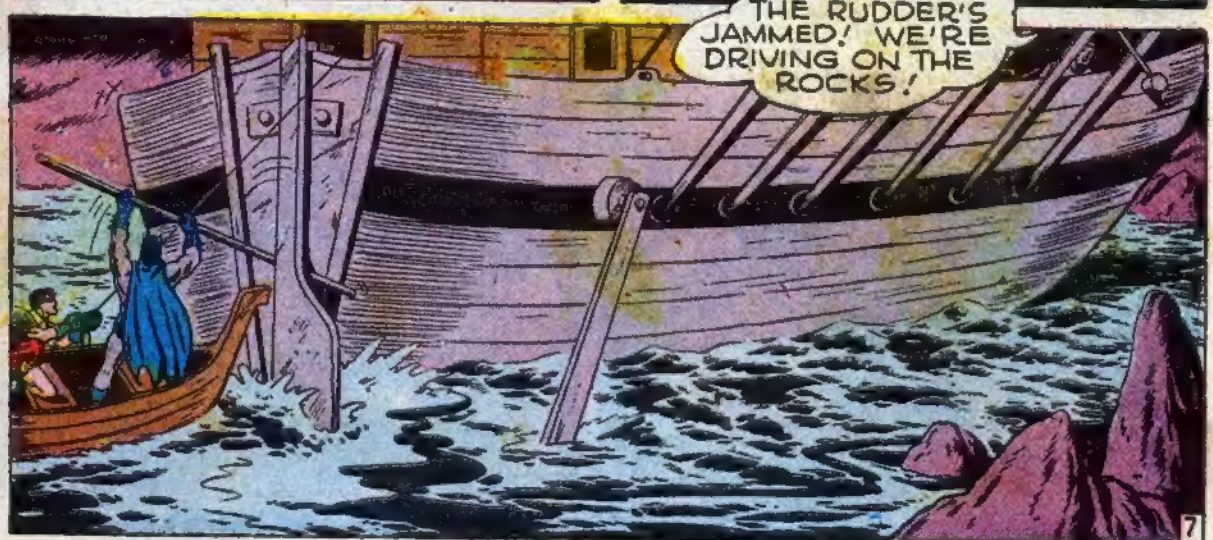
NO! ONE OF THESE FAST LITTLE SAIL-BOATS CAN CATCH IT BEFORE IT LEAVES THE HARBOR!



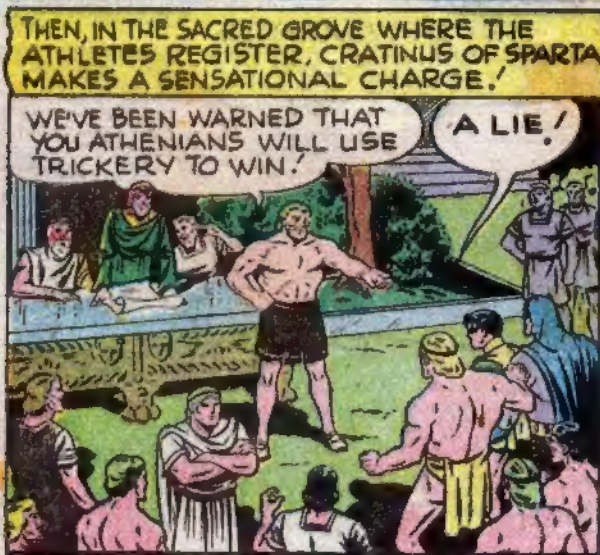
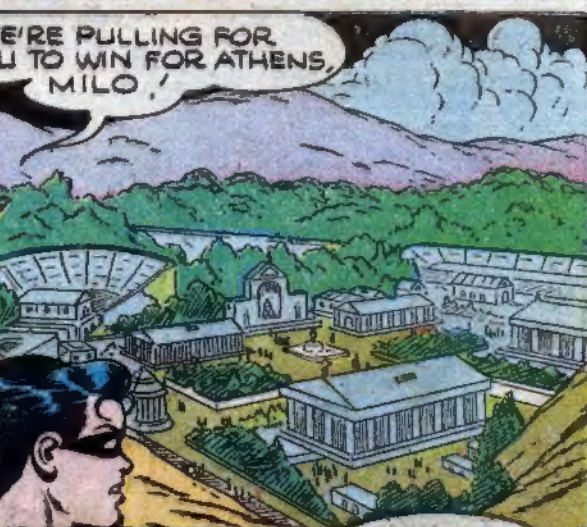
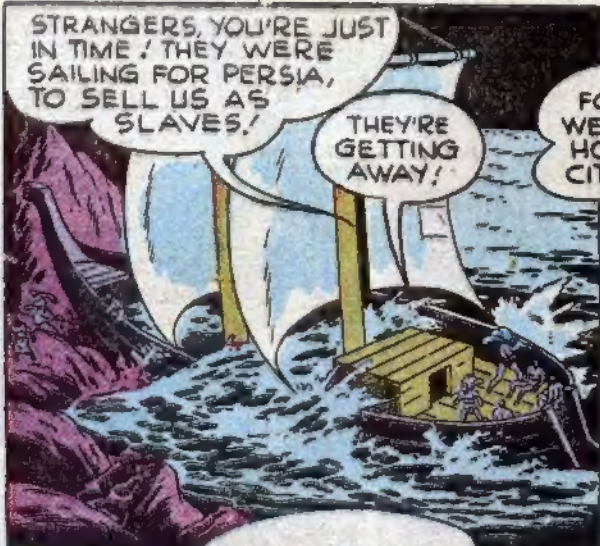
EVEN IF WE CATCH IT, HOW CAN WE STOP THE SHIP?
I KNOW A WAY IF YOU'LL BRING US UP UNDER ITS STERN.

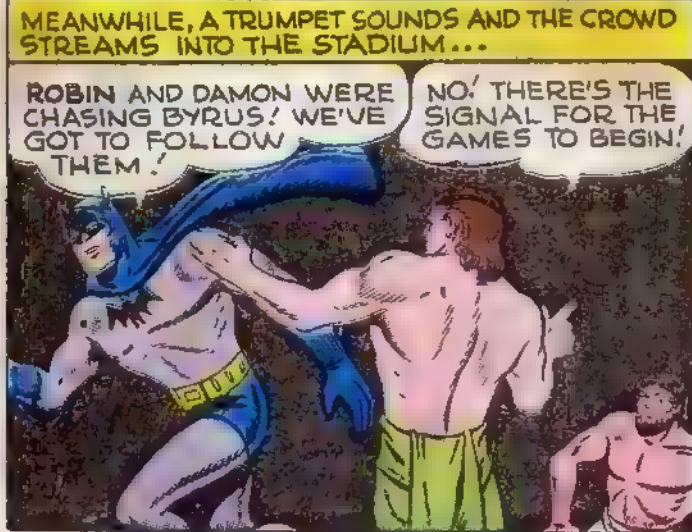
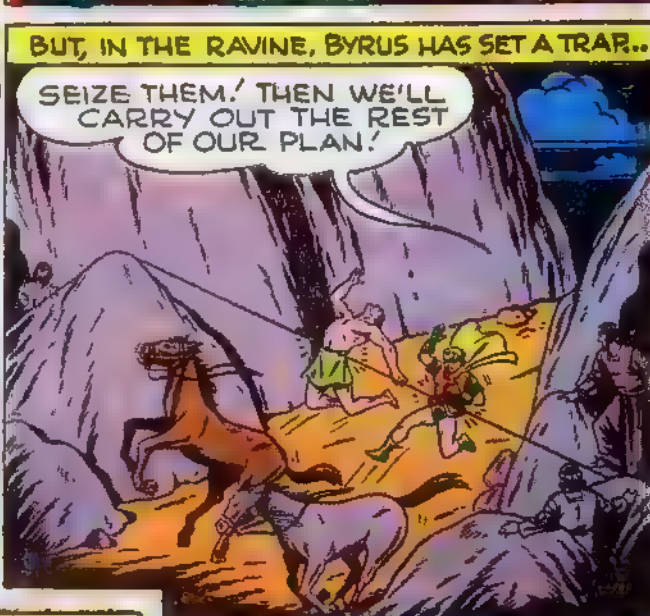
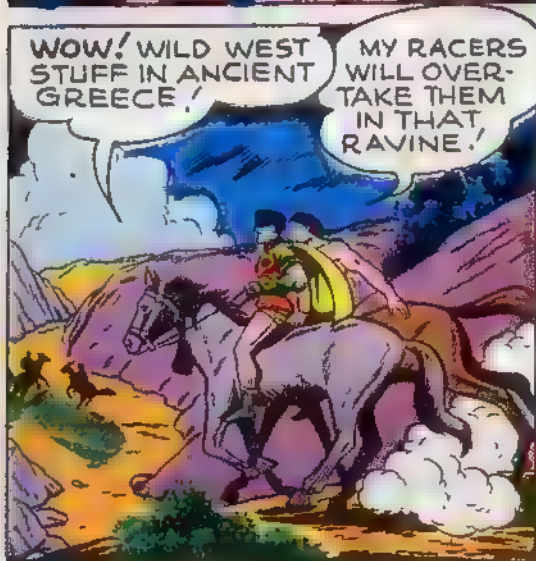
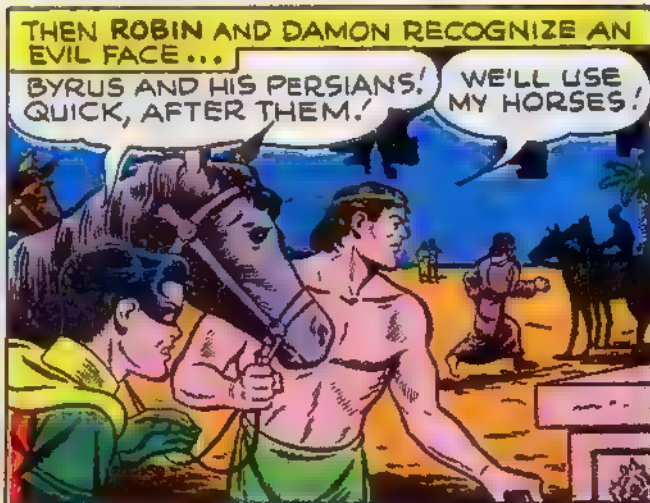
WE CAN'T HOOK A RIDE LIKE THIS FOR LONG!

A FEW MINUTES WILL BE ENOUGH!



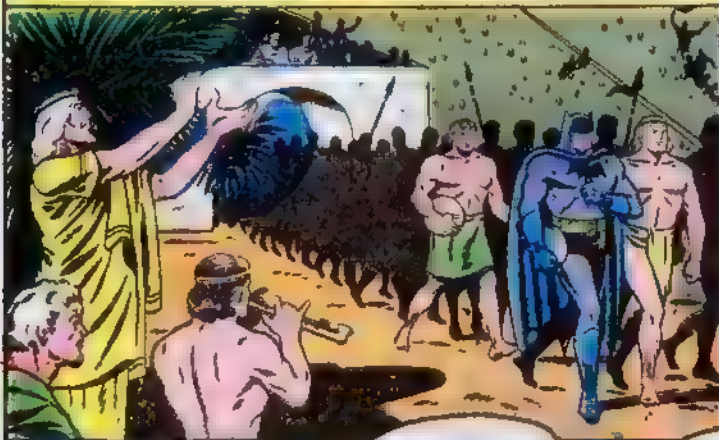
THE RUDDER'S JAMMED! WE'RE DRIVING ON THE ROCKS!







THEN, INTO THE GREAT STADIUM MARCH THE ATHLETIC CHAMPIONS OF ALL GREEK CITIES!



WRESTLING MATCHES OPEN THE GAMES...

WHERE IS THAT KID?
WHY DOESN'T
HE CALL ME ON
HIS BELT-RADIO?

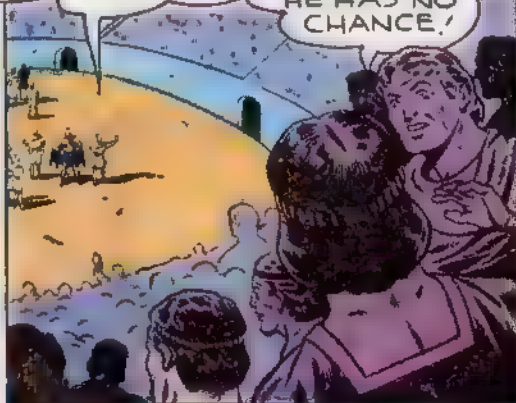
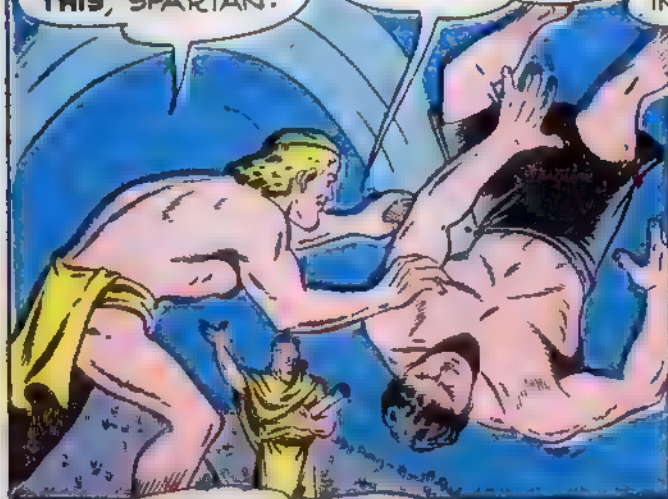


THERE'S NO
TRICKERY IN
THIS, SPARTAN.

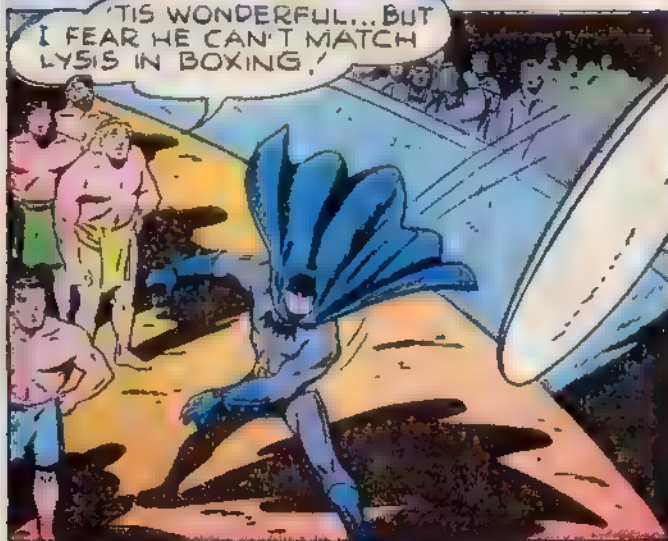
MILO OF
ATHENS WINS THE
WRESTLING!

BATMAN
OF ATHENS
REPLACES ALEXIS
IN THE PENTATHLON!

AN UNKNOWN
AGAINST THE
GREAT LYSIS
OF THEBES?
HE HAS NO
CHANCE!



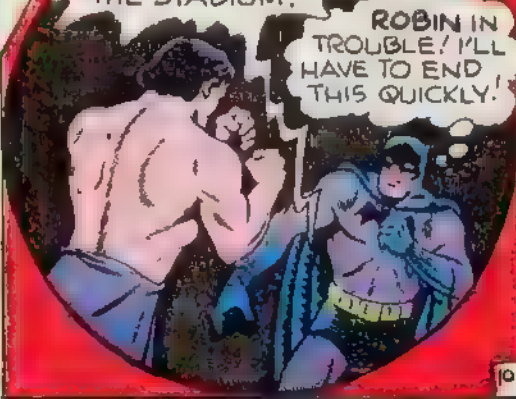
'TIS WONDERFUL... BUT
I FEAR HE CAN'T MATCH
LYSIS IN BOXING!

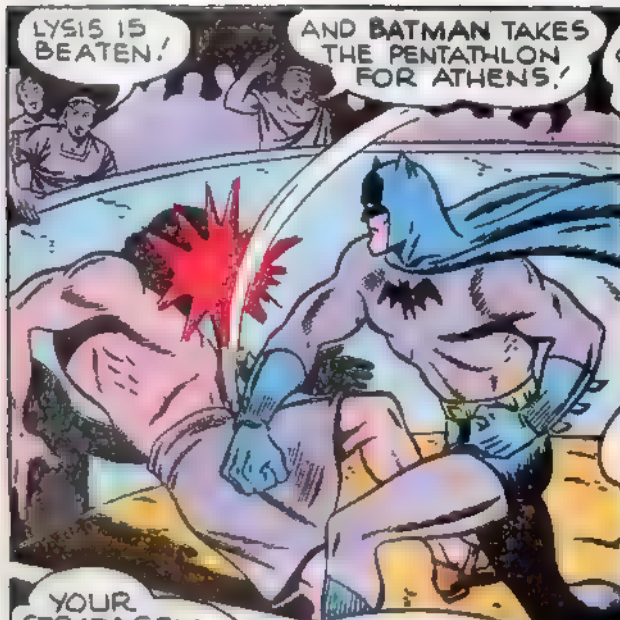


IN THE JAVELIN-HURLING, JUMPING,
AND SPRINTING, BATMAN ALSO WINS!
THEN...

ROBIN CALLING
BATMAN! WE'RE HELD
BY BYRUS' MEN IN THE
RAVINE NORTH OF
THE STADIUM!

ROBIN IN
TROUBLE! I'LL
HAVE TO END
THIS QUICKLY!





LYSIS IS BEATEN!

AND BATMAN TAKES THE PENTATHLON FOR ATHENS!

COME ON! WE'VE GOT TO RESCUE ROBIN AND DAMON!

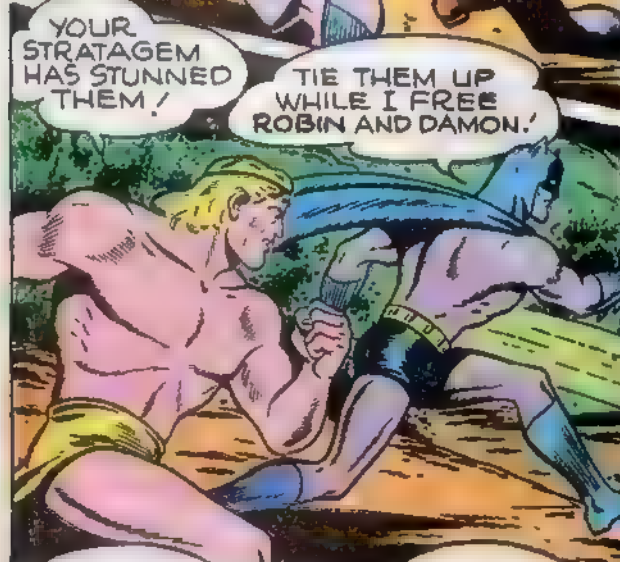
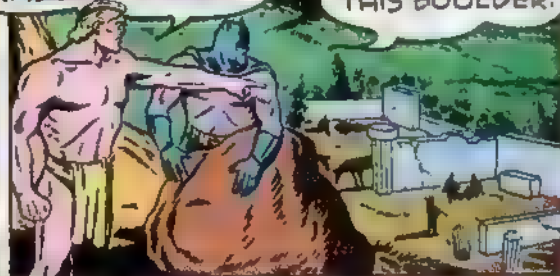
IF DAMON WINS THE HORSE RACE, ATHENS IS VICTOR IN THE GAMES!



GUIDED BY THE BELT RADIO...

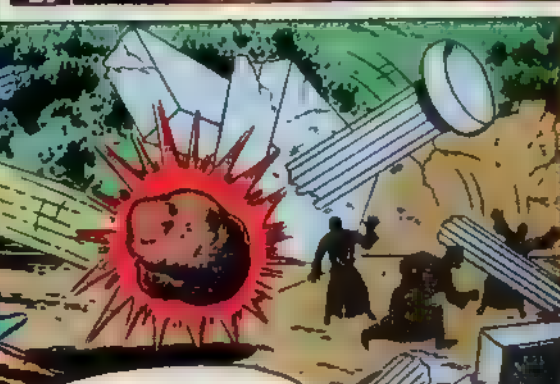
THERE THEY ARE! BUT I DON'T SEE THAT RASCAL BYRUS!

MILO, HELP ME LOOSEN THIS BOULDER!



YOUR STRATAGEM HAS STUNNED THEM!

TIE THEM UP WHILE I FREE ROBIN AND DAMON!

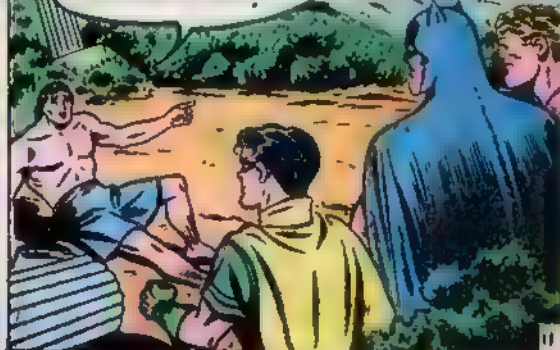
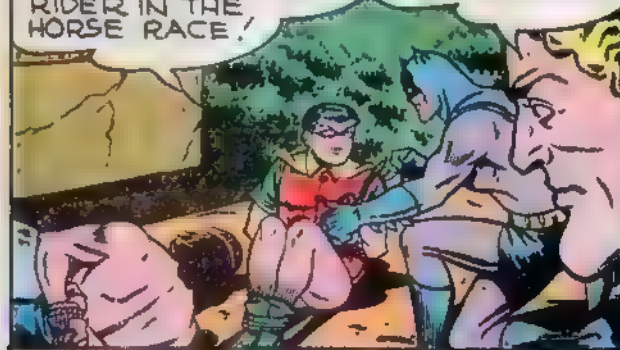


DAMON IS HURT! AND BYRUS AND HIS MEN, DISGUISED AS ATHENIAN BOWMEN, HAVE GONE TO SHOOT DOWN THE SPARTAN RIDER IN THE HORSE RACE!

THAT WILL START THE BLOODY RIOT THAT BYRUS HOPES WILL SPLIT GREECE!

TAKE MY HORSES, FRIENDS! RIDE TO STOP THIS VILLAINY AND GIVE MY RACERS A CHANCE TO WIN HONESTLY!

WE'LL SEND HELP BACK TO YOU!



AT THE HIPPODROME, AS THE GREAT HORSE RACE BEGINS...

YOU RIDE THE RACE, ROBIN!
MILO AND I WILL CLEAN UP
THE PERSIANS!

AND WITH
PLEASURE!

SHOOT THE SPARTAN
WHEN THEY ROUND
THE TURN. THE CROWD
WILL THINK WE'RE
ATHENIANS!



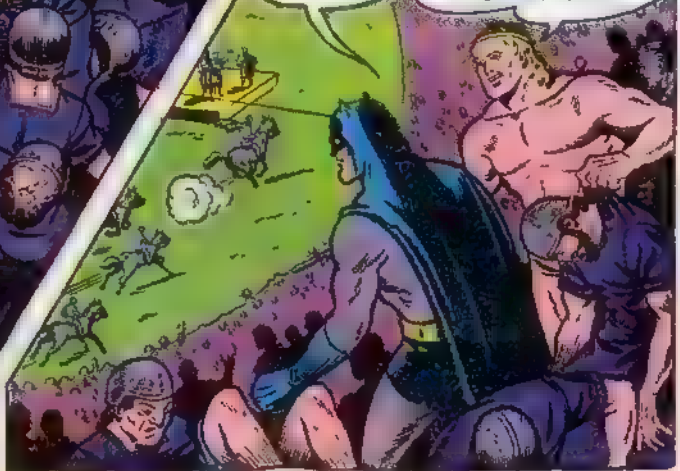
STRIKE! YOU OUGHT
TO TAKE UP BOWLING,
MILO!

I KNOW NOT
WHAT YOU CALL THIS
GAME, BUT
I LIKE IT!



THE ATHENIAN
RIDER WINS.
AND ATHENS
WINS THE
GAMES!

STRANGERS,
YOU'VE SAVED
GREECE FROM
CIVIL WAR! WE
WILL NEVER
FORGET YOU!



LATER- THE VORTEX OF SCIENTIFIC
FORCE WHIRLS BRUCE AND DICK
BACK TO THE PRESENT...

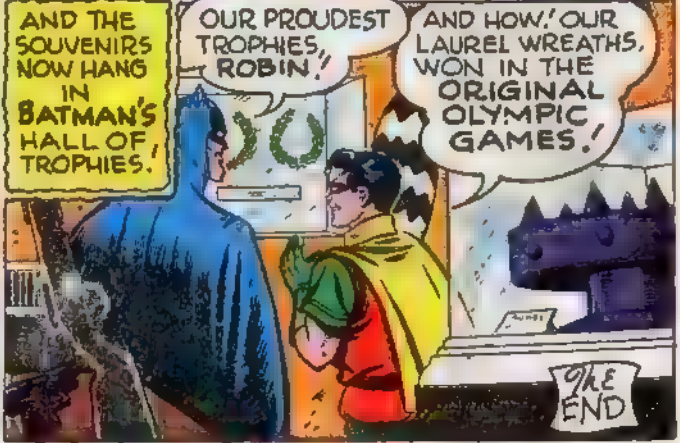
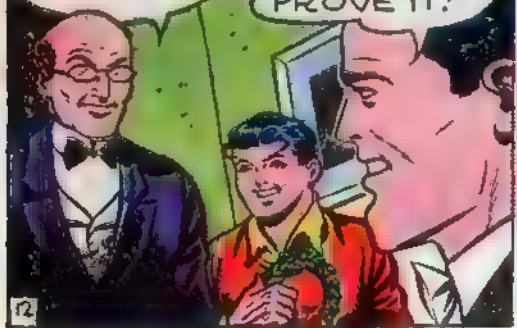
WELL, DID
YOU SEE THE
OLYMPIC
GAMES?

YES, WE -ER- SAW
THEM, AND WE
BROUGHT BACK
SOUVENIRS TO
PROVE IT!

AND THE
SOUVENIRS
NOW HANG
IN
BATMAN'S
HALL OF
TROPHIES.

OUR PRODEST
TROPHIES,
ROBIN!

AND HOW! OUR
LAUREL WREATHS,
WON IN THE
ORIGINAL
OLYMPIC
GAMES!



THE
END

GRAVEL GRINDERS!

ONE OF THE INNOVATIONS OF THE 1945 FOOTBALL SEASON WAS LOU LITTLE'S NOW FAMED, "WINGED T." THE COLUMBIA LIONS RODE THIS COMBINATION SINGLE WING AND T FORMATION TO 8 OUT OF 9 WINS

Lou
LITTLE

CHAMPION FOOTBALL COACH. COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

I'M SURE IT'S A GOOD DISH

I'M POS-ITIVE!

"WHEATIES, 'BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS,' WITH MILK AND FRUIT, DELIVERS A SWELL SUPPLY OF NOURISHMENT IN A FORM THAT APPEALS TO HEARTY APPETITES," SAYS LOU LITTLE. "I'M SURE ANY ATHLETE GETS THE GOOD, SUBSTANTIAL BREAKFAST DISH HE NEEDS WHEN HE EATS WHEATIES. AND I'M SUGGESTING THAT YOU, TOO, EAT 'BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS'"

AND I GET 4 YARDS TO THE GALLOP

THE FLYING T ZOOMED COLUMBIA TO APPROXIMATELY 4 TOUCHDOWNS A GAME. IN THE BALL-CARRYING DEPARTMENT, LOU'S ELEVEN AVERAGED EXACTLY 4 YARDS PER TRY

COME IN FOR REFUELING

ROGER!

WHEATIES
BREAKFAST
OF
CHAMPIONS

WITH MILK AND FRUIT



"U.S." ROYALAND HIS
JET-PROPELLED BIKE**FIGHTING THE
FOREST FIRE!**

THE ELM CITY BIKE CLUB LED BY ITS SPONSOR, DEPUTY "U.S. ROYAL, IS CAMPING OUT ON "OLD SMOKY" ... WHEN --

PHEW! LUCKY I SAW YOU BOYS CAMP HERE. THERE'S A FIRE DOWN THE LINE AND MY PHONE'S DEAD!

I'LL CALL THE BOYS!



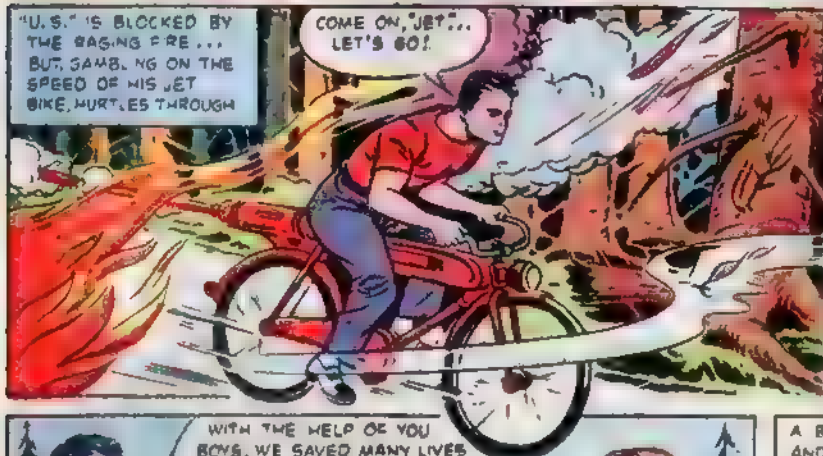
YOU FELLOWS WARN THE PEOPLE IN THE VALLEY...

...AND I'LL RIDE MY JET BIKE TO THE LUMBER CAMP FOR HELP.



"U.S." IS BLOCKED BY THE RAGING FIRE... BUT, GAMBLING ON THE SPEED OF HIS JET BIKE, HURRIES THROUGH

COME ON, "JET"... LET'S GO!

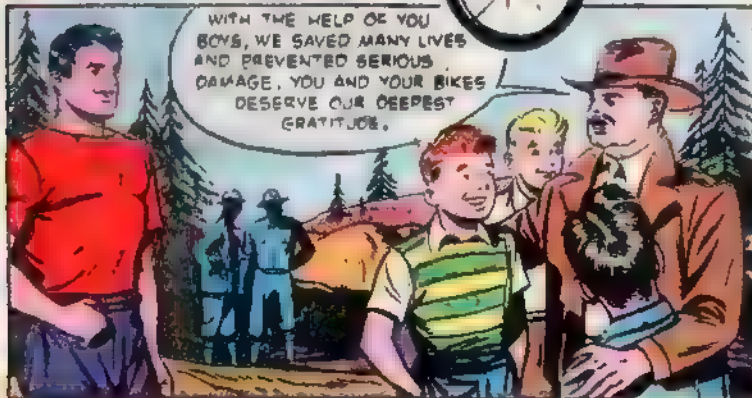


ARRIVING AT THE LUMBER CAMP...

FIRE! GET YOUR SHOVELS AND FOLLOW ME! HURRY!



WITH THE HELP OF YOU BOYS, WE SAVED MANY LIVES AND PREVENTED SERIOUS DAMAGE. YOU AND YOUR BIKES DESERVE OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE.



A BIKE IS NO BETTER THAN ITS TIRES... AND U.S. ROYALS ARE TOPS. THEY'RE RUGGED AND SAFE... A WINNING COMBINATION THAT ALWAYS PUTS "U.S." IN THE LEAD.



THE "BUILT-IN SKID CHAIN" GIVES US SURE FOOTING ON ANY ROAD!

"WE ARE ALWAYS READY TO GO WITH OUR BIKES--SLIPPERY ROADS DON'T FAZE US. U.S. BIKE TIRES GIVE US 'DRY ROAD' TRACTION. THE 'BUILT-IN SKID CHAIN' GRIPS THE ROAD, TAKES THE HILLS AND TURNS SO EASILY. MAKE YOUR NEXT BIKE TRIP "U.S." AND BE SURE YOU RIDE THE BEST."

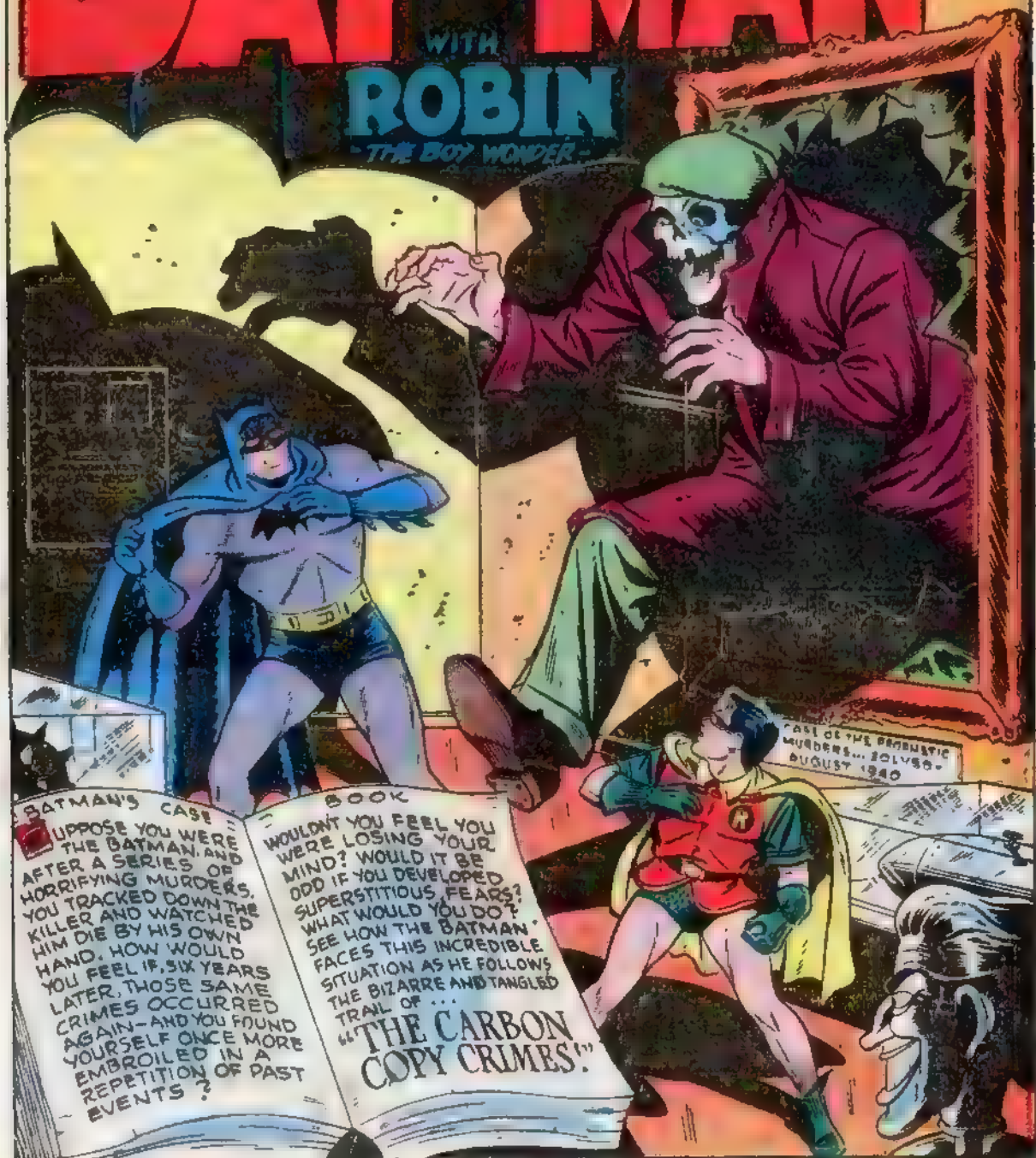
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BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN
- THE BOY WONDER -





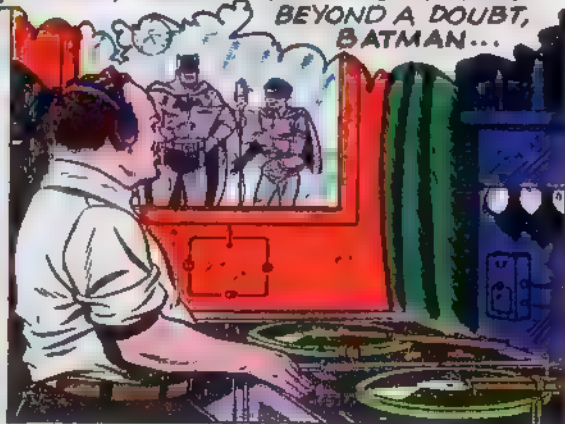
IN A GOTHAM CITY RADIO STATION...

YOU SEE, WE RECORD YOUR BROADCAST, THEN, WHEN THE CITIZENS' CLEAN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE GOES ON THE AIR THURSDAY, AT 8 A.M., WE'LL USE THE RECORD. YOU WON'T HAVE TO APPEAR IN PERSON.



WHAT DO YOU THINK, ROBIN?

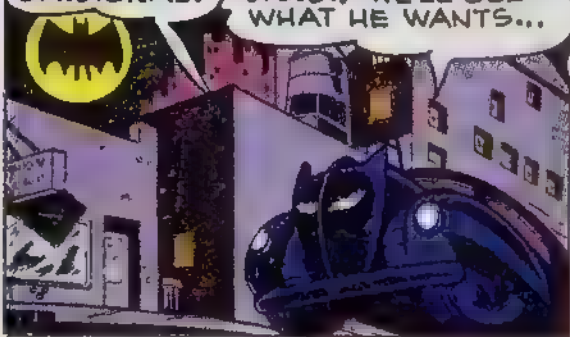
OUR CRIME EXPERIENCE HAS PROVED THAT BEYOND A DOUBT, BATMAN...



LATER, ON THEIR WAY HOME FROM THE BROADCASTING STUDIO...

LOOK! THE BAT SIGNAL!

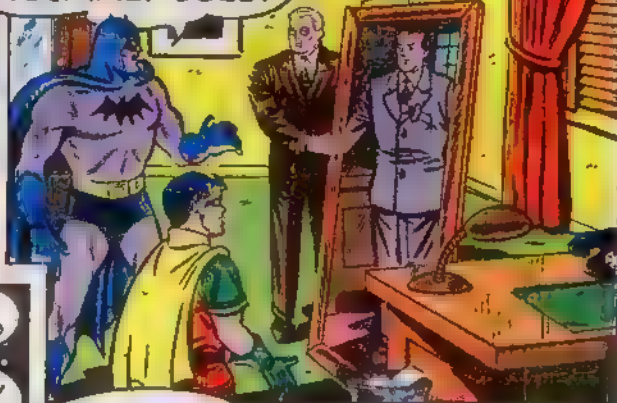
COMMISSIONER GORDON'S S.O.S.! WE'LL SEE WHAT HE WANTS...



SHORTLY, IN THE POLICE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE...

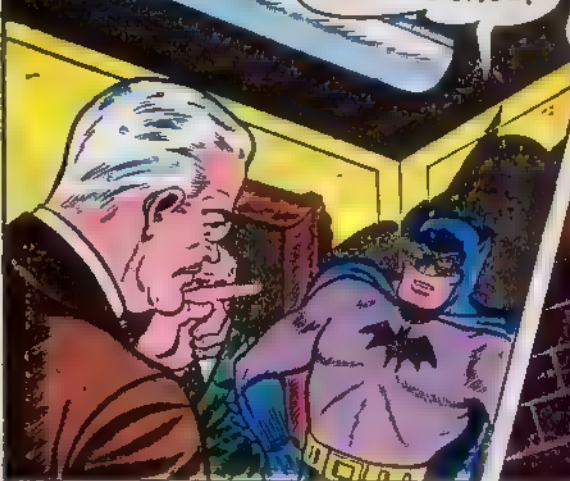
LOOK AT THIS MUTILATED PORTRAIT OF JENNINGS, THE BROKER... DOES IT RECALL ANYTHING TO YOU, BATMAN?

GREAT SCOTT! IT CERTAINLY DOES!



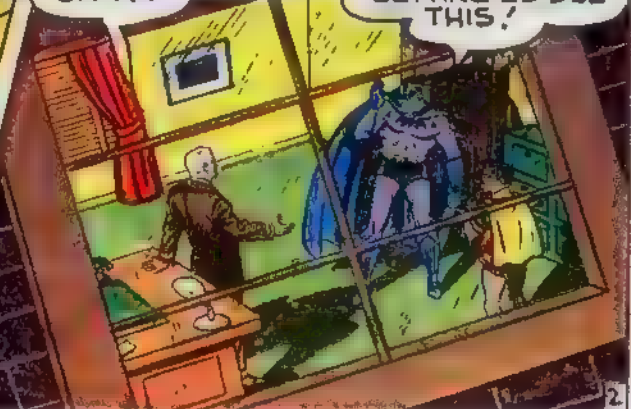
SHORTLY AFTER HE FOUND HIS PORTRAIT MUTILATED, JENNINGS WAS STABBED TO DEATH IN EXACTLY THIS MANNER!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! IT MUST BE A COINCIDENCE!



MAYBE SO! BUT IF MY MEN ARE STUMPED, I MAY ASK FOR YOUR HELP ON IT!

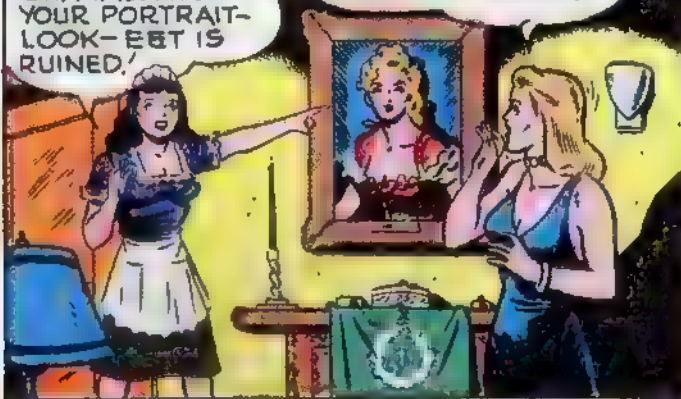
COUNT ON US, COMMISSIONER... AND THANKS FOR LETTING US SEE THIS!



NEXT DAY, AT THE HOME OF LOUISA PONELLE, THE OPERA STAR ...

OH, MADAME! YOUR PORTRAIT-LOOK-EEET IS RUINED!

A DART IN THE THROAT! OOOH!



AND THAT NIGHT AT THE OPERA, PONELLE'S RICH VOICE SUDDENLY FAILS IN THE MIDDLE OF AN ARIA...

AAAAGH!



...WHILE A TRANSFIXED AND HORRIFIED AUDIENCE WATCHES...

DEAD! A POISONED DART IN HER THROAT!

SACRE BLEU! THE SAME AS IN ZE PORTRAIT!



NEXT MORNING, IN THE STUDIO OF THE FAMOUS PAINTER, PIERRE ANTAL...

AND I PAINTED BOTH THOSE PORTRAITS! WHAT DOES IT MEAN? IT COULDN'T HAPPEN A SECOND TIME! I-I MUST BE GOING MAD!



THAT EVENING, ANOTHER OF ANTAL'S CLIENTS MAKES A HORRIFYING DISCOVERY...

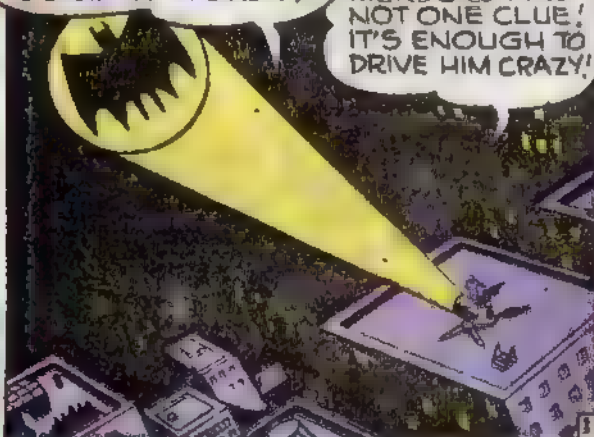
MY PORTRAIT! THAT ROPE-I'M GOING TO DIE BY HANGING! HELP-POLICE!



WHILE THE POTENTIAL VICTIM MAKES A FRANTIC CALL TO THE POLICE, HEADQUARTERS SENDS AN S.O.S. TO THE BATMAN...

THE COMMISSIONER IS SURE IN A STEW!

YEAH... THREE MURDERS AND NOT ONE CLUE! IT'S ENOUGH TO DRIVE HIM CRAZY!





AFTER A HURRIED CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER...

IT'S CRAZY! I HOPE WE'RE IN TIME TO SAVE HIM!

GORDON'S GOT A POLICE GUARD WATCHING THE HOUSE! BUT THAT DIDN'T HELP THE LAST TIME!

WHILE THE POLICE GUARD THE ENTRANCE TO THE IMPERILED MAN'S PENTHOUSE, THE DARING DUO USES LESS ORTHODOX MEANS OF INGRESS.

SAY-WE DID THIS THE LAST TIME, TOO!

YES...I FEEL AS IF I'M SLEEPWALKING!

SECONDS LATER, IN THE PENTHOUSE,

GREAT SCOTT! WE'RE TOO LATE!

IT'S WEIRD! IMPOSSIBLE! EVERYTHING, TO THE LAST DETAIL, HAPPENED LIKE THIS JUST SIX YEARS AGO TO THE DAY!

IT WAS OUR FIRST REALLY BIG CASE... REMEMBER- WE CALLED IT "THE CASE OF THE PROPHETIC MURDERS."

YES...WYLIE, THE BANKER, WAS THE KILLER! AND HE SHOT HIMSELF TO AVOID ARREST WHEN WE CORNERED HIM!

LATER, BATMAN AND ROBIN REVIEW THE PAST IN THEIR SECRET TROPHY ROOM...

THERE THEY ARE-THE ANTAL PORTRAITS OF A BROKER, A SINGER AND A LAWYER-ALL KILLED BY WYLIE-SIX YEARS AGO!

IT'S INCREDIBLE! WYLIE IS DEAD. YET...

ANOTHER BROKER, SINGER AND LAWYER HAVE BEEN KILLED IN EXACTLY THE SAME WAY!

AND ANTAL PAINTED THE PORTRAITS OF THESE VICTIMS, TOO! WHAT DOES IT MEAN?



SHORTLY...

ANTAL MUST BE CONNECTED WITH THIS AMAZING CRIME DUPLICATION!

LOOK-THERE'S A LIGHT IN HIS STUDIO! LET'S DROP IN ON HIM...

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

I'M GOING MAD! IT'S EXACTLY AS BEFORE! ORDERS FOR PORTRAITS ARE BEING CANCELLED! PEOPLE ARE AFRAID THEY'LL BE MURDERED IF I PAINT THEM! I'M BEING HAUNTED!

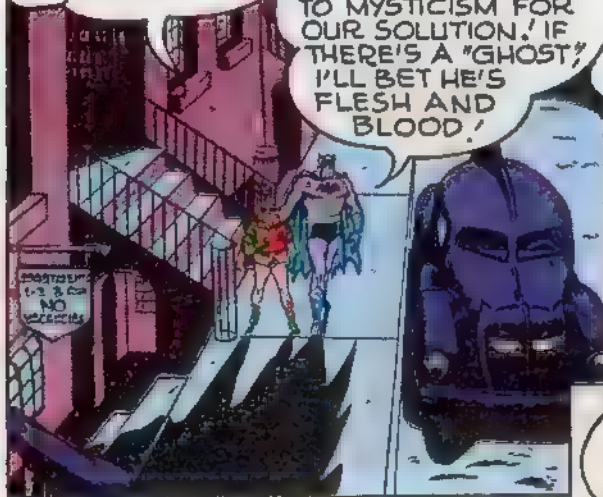
EASY, FELLA!

MAYBE WYLIE'S GHOST IS RE-ENACTING THE CRIMES!

YOU, TOO? LISTEN-WE'RE IN THE DARK PLENTY! DON'T LET'S RESORT TO MYSTICISM FOR OUR SOLUTION! IF THERE'S A "GHOST," I'LL BET HE'S FLESH AND BLOOD!

SIX YEARS AGO, AT THIS POINT IN THE CASE, THE NEXT VICTIM-TO-BE WAS BRUCE WAYNE, THE PLAYBOY-ME! BUT WE CAUGHT UP WITH THE KILLER BEFORE HE KILLED ME!

MAYBE OUR "GHOST" WILL TRY TO SUCCEED WHERE HE FAILED SIX YEARS AGO!

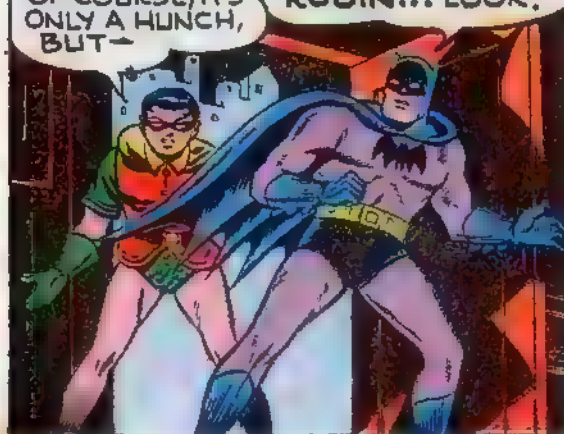


BULLET HOLES THROUGH THE HEAD OF THE PORTRAIT ANTAL PAINTED OF ME! SIX YEARS AGO, IT WAS RIDDLED WITH BULLETS, TOO. I HAD IT RESTORED AFTER WE CAUGHT WYLIE! REMEMBER?

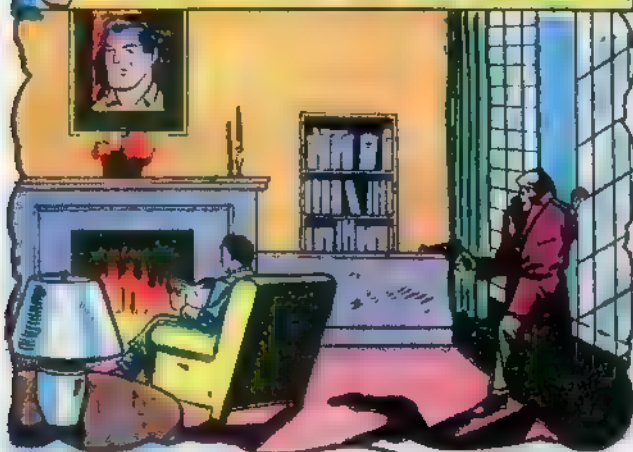
AS THE DYNAMIC DUO ENTERS THE WAYNE HOME...

OF COURSE, IT'S ONLY A HUNCH, BUT-

AND A GOOD HUNCH, ROBIN... LOOK!



"REMEMBER WHAT WE DID AT THIS POINT IN THE CASE SIX YEARS AGO? WE SET A TRAP FOR THE KILLER..."



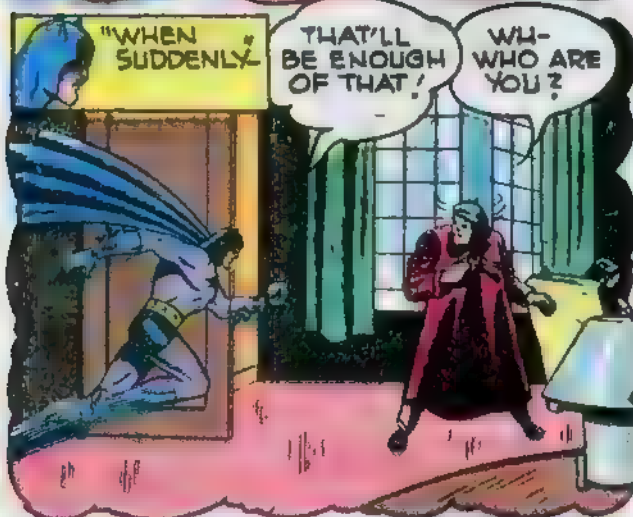
"A SHADOWY FIGURE ENTERED THE ROOM AND FIRED POINT-BLANK AT THE BACK OF THE HEAD OF THE FIGURE IN THE CHAIR..."



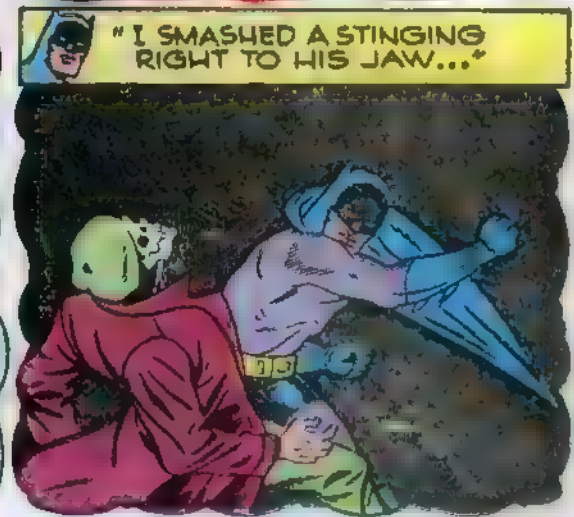
"WHEN SUDDENLY..."

"THAT'LL BE ENOUGH OF THAT!"

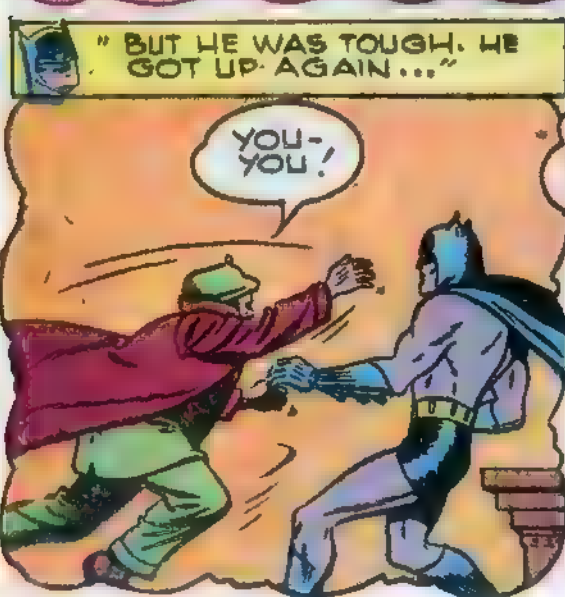
"WH-WHO ARE YOU?"



"I SMASHED A STINGING RIGHT TO HIS JAW..."



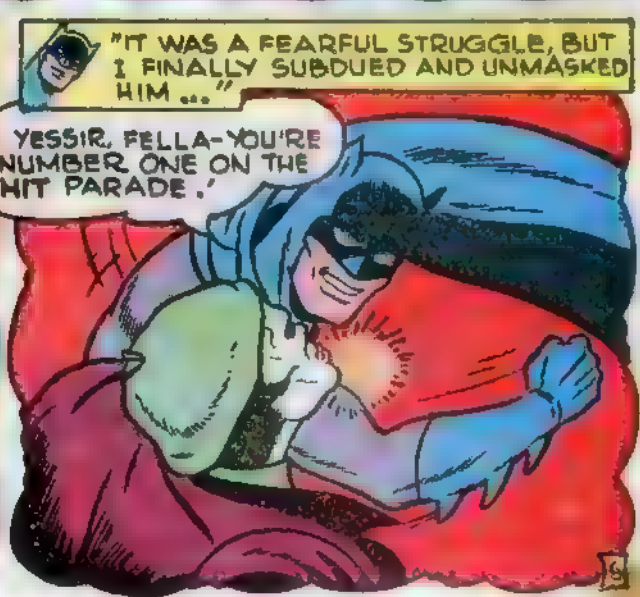
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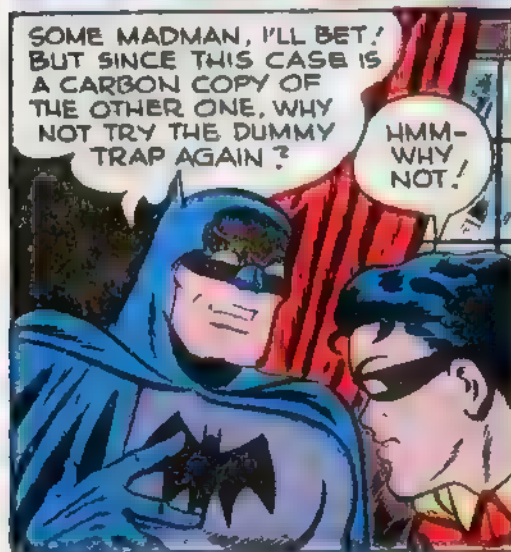
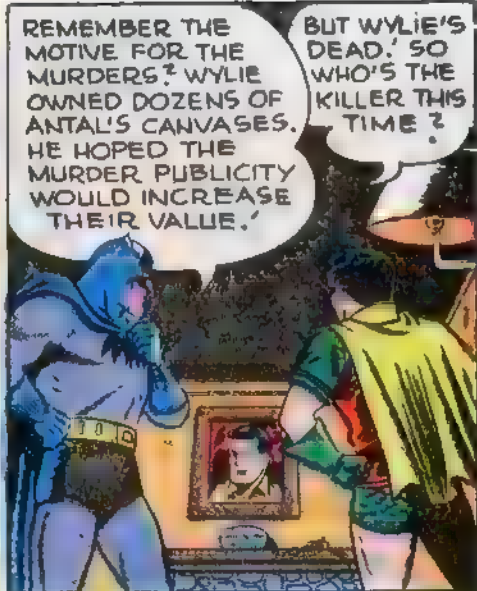
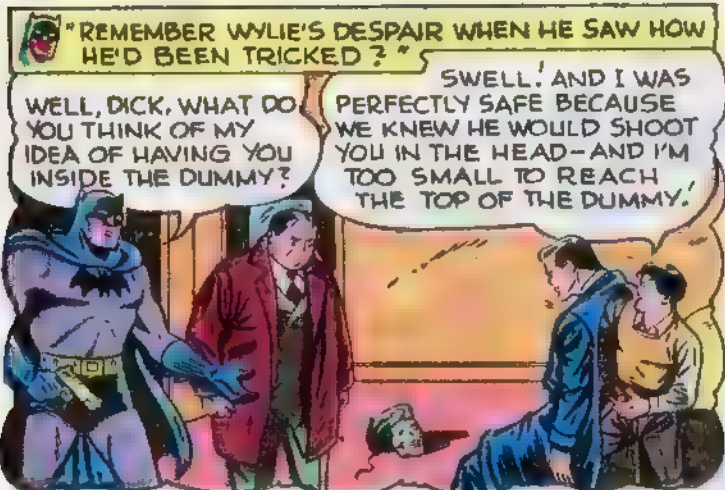


"YOU-YOU!"

"IT WAS A FEARFUL STRUGGLE, BUT I FINALLY SUBDUED AND UNMASKED HIM..."

"YESSIR, FELLA-YOU'RE NUMBER ONE ON THE HIT PARADE."





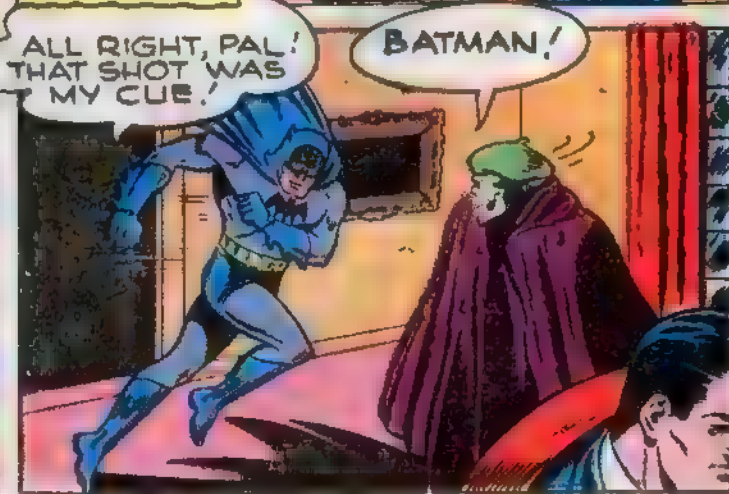
SO, THAT NIGHT IN BRUCE'S STUDY BEGINS A BIZARRE RE-ENACTMENT: WILL BATMAN'S PLAN SUCCEED? WILL THE "CARBON COPY KILLER" FALL INTO THE TRAP SET FOR HIS PREDECESSOR?

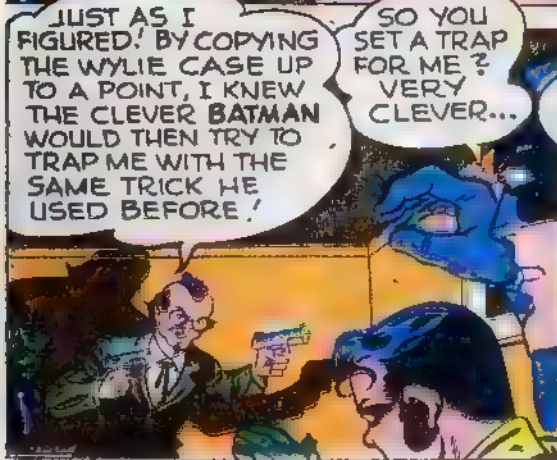
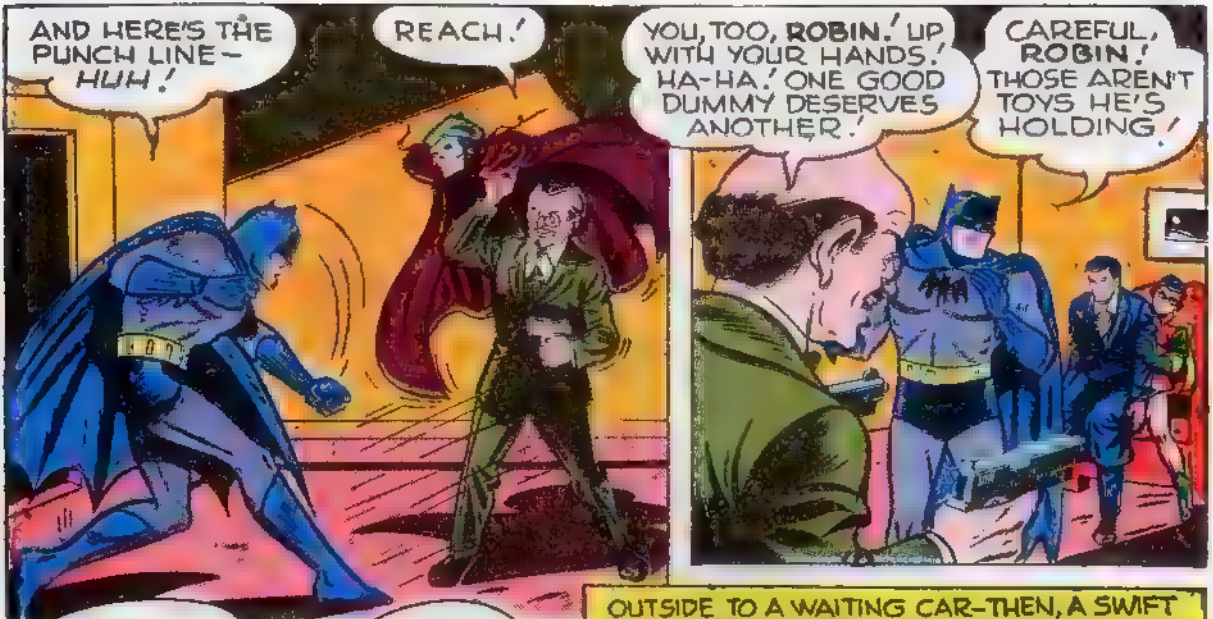
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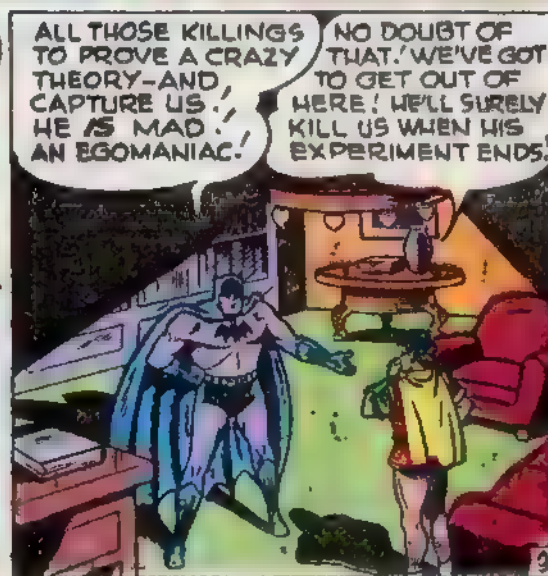
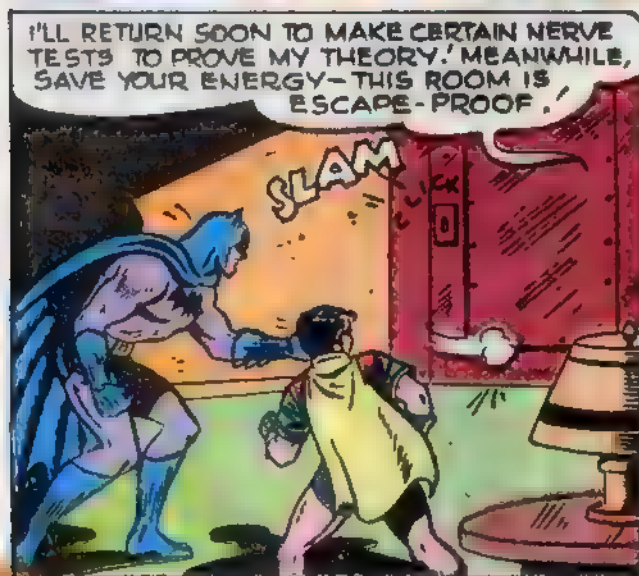
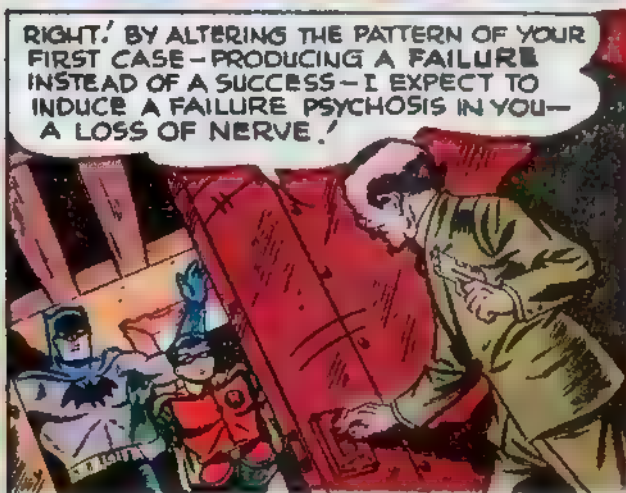
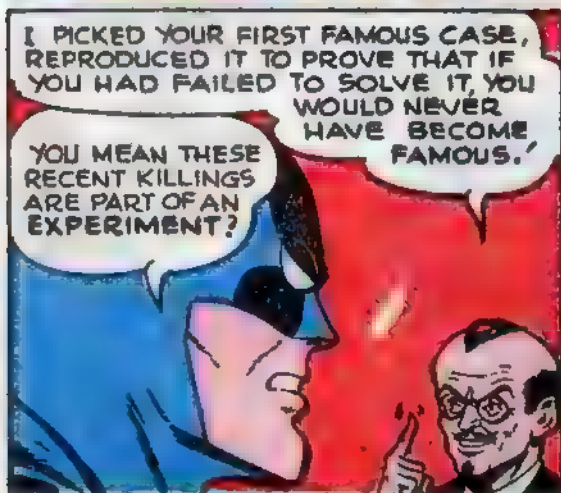
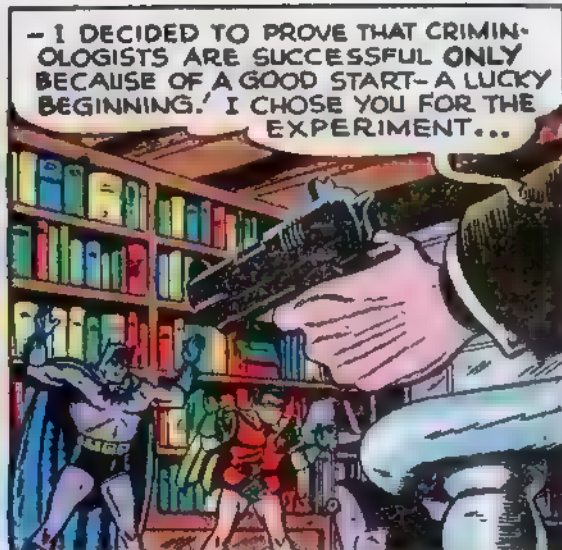
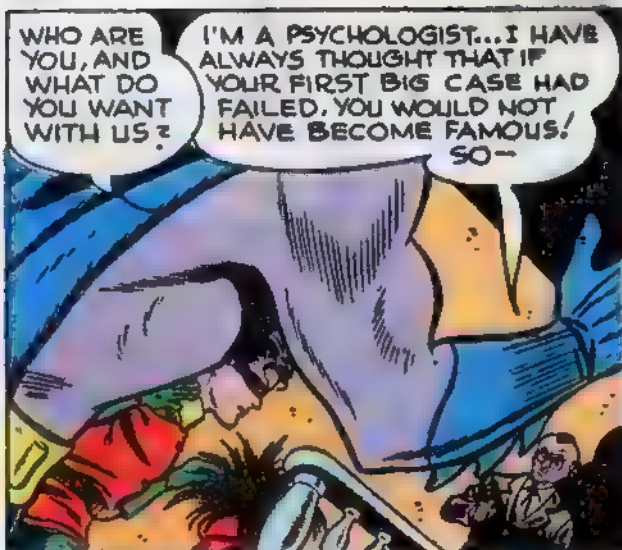
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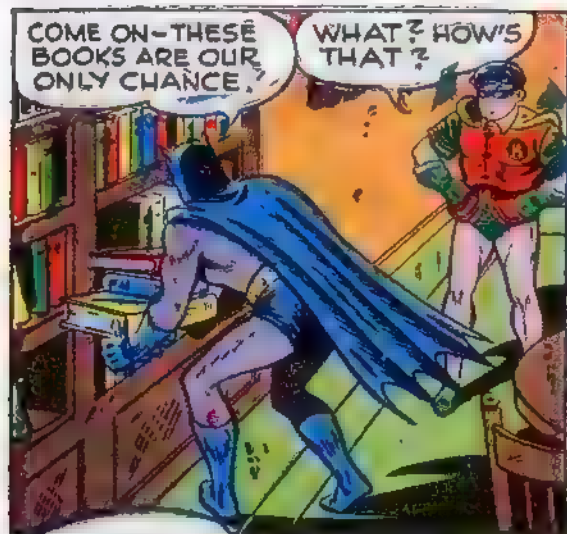




OUTSIDE TO A WAITING CAR—THEN, A SWIFT
RIDE THROUGH THE DAWN, TO A COTTAGE
OUTSIDE GOTHAM CITY...







COME ON—THESE BOOKS ARE OUR ONLY CHANCE.

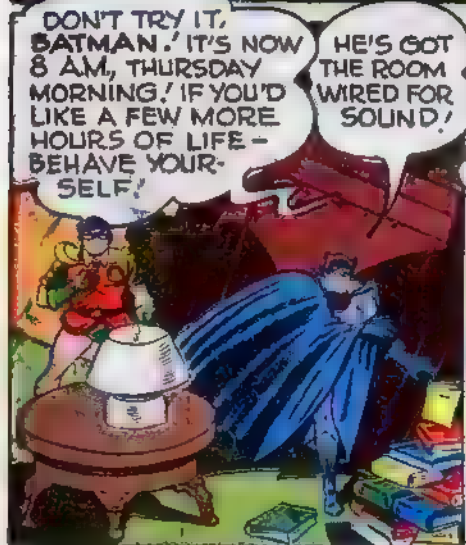
WHAT? HOW'S THAT?



WE'LL BUILD A WALL OF BOOKS FACING THE DOOR. THEN, AS HE ENTERS, WE TOPPLE THEM OVER ON TOP OF HIM!

HA-HA-HA-HA!

WHAT'S THAT?



DON'T TRY IT, BATMAN. IT'S NOW 8 AM, THURSDAY MORNING. IF YOU'D LIKE A FEW MORE HOURS OF LIFE—BEHAVE YOURSELF!

HE'S GOT THE ROOM WIRED FOR SOUND!



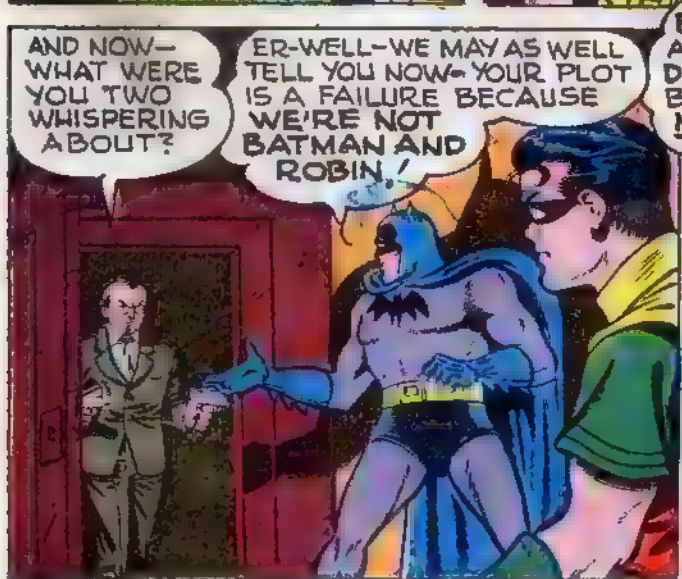
8 AM, THURSDAY MORNING... SAY, THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA...

NOW WHAT?



IT MIGHT UNBALANCE AN EGOMANIAC COMPLETELY! THAT WOULD GIVE US OUR CHANCE!

WHAT GOOD WILL IT DO?



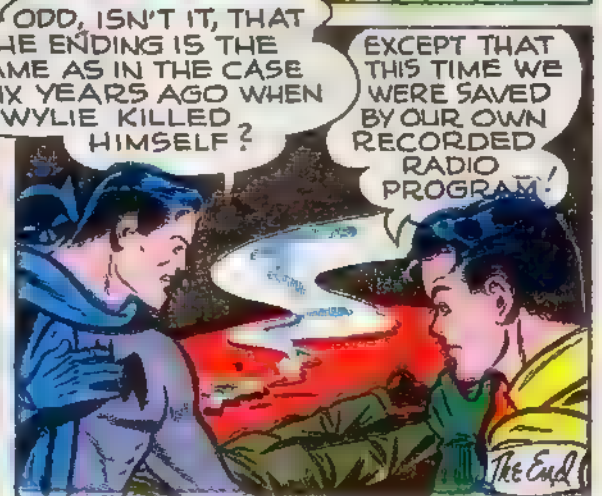
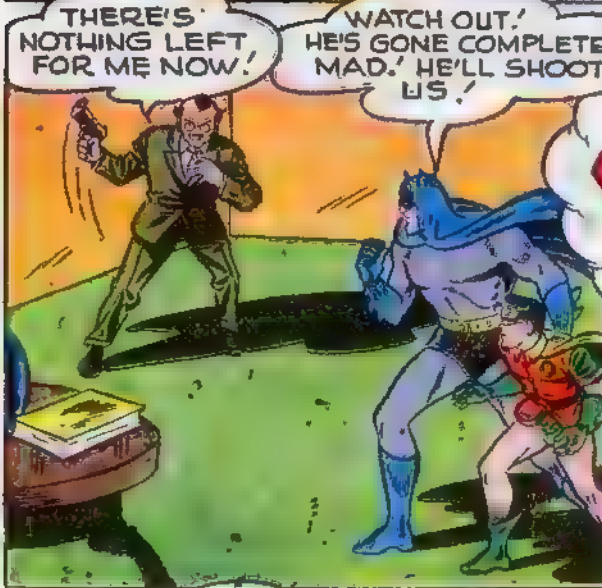
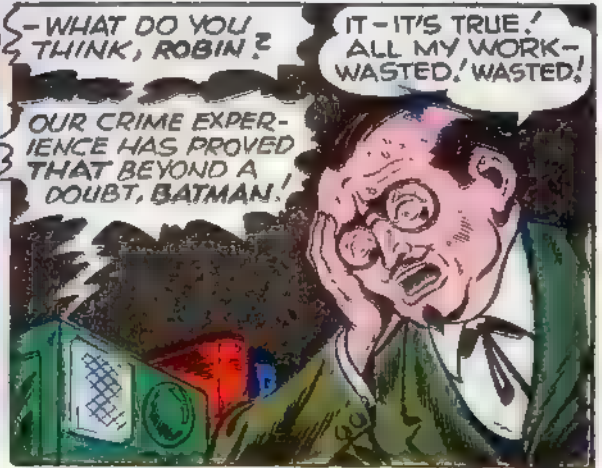
AND NOW—WHAT WERE YOU TWO WHISPERING ABOUT?

ER—WELL—WE MAY AS WELL TELL YOU NOW—YOUR PLOT IS A FAILURE BECAUSE WE'RE NOT BATMAN AND ROBIN!



BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON. BUT—IF YOU'RE NOT BATMAN, HOW—?

BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE BROADCASTING AT 8 AM. THIS MORNING! SO WE AGREED TO TAKE THEIR PLACES IN RE-ENACTING THE PROPHETIC MURDERS UNTIL THEY FINISH!



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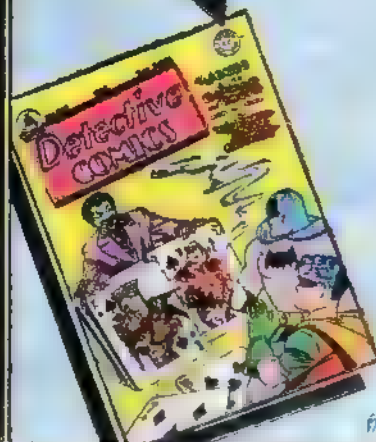


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MEMO TO A MURDERER

by Blair Bolton

MEMO

Date Jan 2

Subject Clem Tarr, Death of

To: Jasper Barton
From: Dan Blaney, Det Lt

1 The Commissioner has requested me to furnish you with whatever information we have obtained, or progress we have made, on the death of Clem Tarr, realtor, and your former partner who was found dead in his library on the night of December 11.

2. I have been at work on the case for three weeks. As you know, the late Mr. Tarr, like yourself, was a highly respected member of society. Like yourself, he was vitally interested in civic affairs, and it was his life work to make this a clean city, free of gambling and vice. Because of his extensive holdings in Tarr and Barton, of which he was senior partner, Mr. Tarr was able to use the power of money to achieve his ends.

3 But money sometimes makes people do things, Mr. Barton. Take the case of Lucky Erikson, the gambler. As we all know, Erikson controls not only gambling but other forms of vice in this town. Naturally, he stood to lose most as a result of the crusades you and Mr. Tarr launched against him. Because of these punitive measures, Erikson was heard to utter threats against both your life and that of Mr. Tarr many times. We did not realize how much he meant it, at the time.

4. Erikson was arrested this morning. However, he managed to get out on bail this afternoon.

MEMO

Date: Jan. 4

Subject: Clem Tarr, Death of

To: Jasper Barton
From: Dan Blaney, Det Lt

1. I have been unable to contact you for two days, Mr. Barton, despite your calling my office. I know the reason for your agitation was the murder of Lucky Erikson, found dead in the rear of his night club gambling spot. He had been shot in the back.

2. When a man is shot in the back, Mr.

Barton, it suggests one thing. A man like Lucky Erikson would never turn his back on an enemy; he would turn his back only if a friend were present. This friend, too, knew Lucky well enough to be able to get into the secret door used by the gambler. In this way, he managed to enter and leave the private office unobserved, after the murder. Naturally, there would be no clues. The only thing I have to work on is that Lucky's office was ransacked, from top to bottom. For what? That is my problem at the moment.

3. I am afraid that the death of your partner, Mr. Tarr, will have to be put aside for the present. I intended to ask you if you knew of any worries Mr. Tarr might have had, or knew of any other threats against his life. You were the last man to see him alive. If I recall, you said that you visited the house the night of Mr. Tarr's death to lend him a set of golf clubs, he having expressed a desire to take up the game as a result of placing most of the business in your hands.

4. Golf would have been a wonderful relaxation for Mr. Tarr had he lived. After all, he had devoted most of his life to hard work and he felt that in you he had a man who would carry on the traditions of the office in which he felt such pride. Your record has been an enviable one, Mr. Barton, and Mr. Tarr felt, justifiably, that you could fill his shoes.

5. I will contact you if anything turns up on his death. Since the butler has corroborated your story, I feel that it is not absolutely necessary at this time to question you. The commissioner feels strongly that a rival mob had a hand in Lucky Erikson's death. I do not think so. What interest would the mob have in ransacking Lucky's office? Mob killers kill, then run. I must find what the murderer was seeking.

MEMO

Date: Jan. 13

Subject: Clem Tarr, Death of

To: Jasper Barton
From: Dan Blaney, Det Lt

1. Once more I have nothing to report on the death of Clem Tarr. The commissioner informed me this morning that unless something is done about his murder, you intend to take

the matter up with the Governor. I cannot stop you. I am a cop, Mr. Barton, and I have a one-track mind.

2. I would like to discuss the matter with you personally, but I am too busy. This morning, I almost ran into you by chance. I had been at the Tarr house, questioning the butler again. He told me that you had called five minutes earlier, saying you would be around in about an hour to pick up your golf clubs. I am sorry I could not wait. But my job isn't finished yet, and when I start something, Mr. Barton, I like to finish it. The commissioner says maybe I have too much of a one-track mind, but I can't help it. I stick to things, and maybe that's why I learned about something Lucky Erikson had kept secret for years.

3. He has a daughter. She is eighteen. Her name is Erika, and she attends Mrs. Lark's School for Young Ladies in Weston, New York. I spoke to Mrs. Lark on the phone, and was surprised to find that the girl is in New York. She is staying at the Cornish-Essex. I called on her there. She was very cordial, and very much interested in finding her father's killer. So there I am with two cases on my hand. "Dad told me a week before his death that he was going to give up his business," she said, "just as soon as some man who was a sort of partner settled up with him."

She didn't know the man, but she did say that she had a key to her father's safe deposit box. It seems he told her a long time ago that if anything should happen, suddenly, to him, she was to open the box.

4. I advised the girl to make sure that her father's lawyer, Archer Allan, was present when she opened the box. She agreed to wait until tomorrow when Allan will return from out-of-town. She is a nice girl, and I do not want to see her involved in any mob murders.

5. I hope to have something to report on the Tarr death soon. I trust you will be patient.

M E M O

Date: Jan. 16

Subject: Arrest of murderer

To: Thomas Martin, Comm. of Police

From: Dan Blaney, Det. Lt.

1. As I told you, commissioner, when I asked that you give me twenty-four hours longer before taking me off the case of Clem Tarr, I'd laid a trap for the suspected murderer. The sucker took the bait.

2. But first let me thank you for not revealing to the newspapers that the calibre of the bullet we took from the back of Lucky Erikson was the same as that which caused the death of Clem Tarr. It helped. But what helped me break the case, further, was the fact that Clem Tarr was right-handed. When I ran across this clue, it set me to thinking. "Yes, I know you are going to say I have a one-track mind, so here's how I worked it out:

The gun used on Clem Tarr was equipped with a silencer. It was very easy for the killer to stand on the balcony outside Tarr's study and fire through the open French windows on the warm night Tarr met his death. But who would want to kill him? Erikson? He'd never do it himself. He'd hire a killer. But I learned a lot about Erikson from his daughter, Erika. And what she told me indicated he wasn't the killer type. Rather than cause trouble he was going to get out of the city.

There was only one thing preventing him. He had a silent partner who had used up a lot of money. The man would stop at nothing, Erikson knew. Therefore, the gambler decided he'd hit at his partner in a way the man could not strike back. He'd tell Clem Tarr, counting on Tarr's honesty and sense of civic virtue to see that things would be righted.

But the partner figured on this. Therefore, he killed Tarr, shooting him in the back. Then he tried to pin the murder on Erikson. He hadn't reckoned on the gambler getting out on bail so quickly. Therefore, he had to commit another murder—Erikson's. And he had to get certain damaging records.

When he couldn't find the records, the killer got panicky. However, he learned the Eriksons had a daughter, and in her possession was a safe deposit box key. He had to get that. Or the girl.

He got neither. I waited eighteen hours in a closet for the killer to show up. When he did, I got him first, before he could shoot Erika Erikson.

3. The State will be spared the expense of a trial. I shot Jasper Barton, the silent partner of Lucky Erikson, and the murderer of Lucky and Clem Tarr, shortly after midnight today.

4. It might interest you to know that Barton's first slipup came when I discovered he had loaned left-handed golf clubs to Clem Tarr, a right-handed player. I suspected Barton from then on. Like you say, commissioner, I have a one-track mind. And I was on the right track.

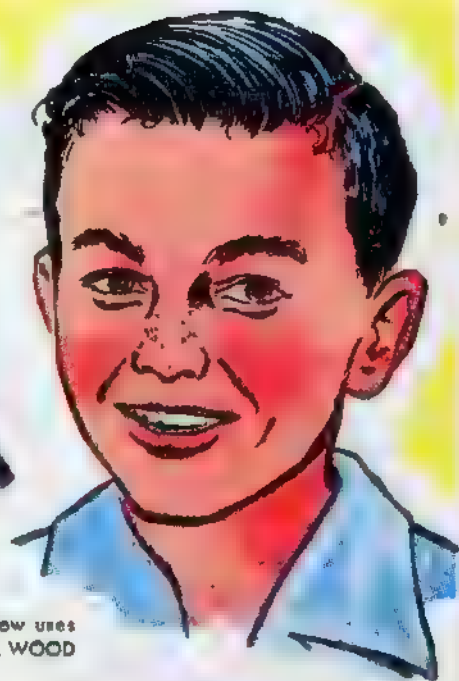
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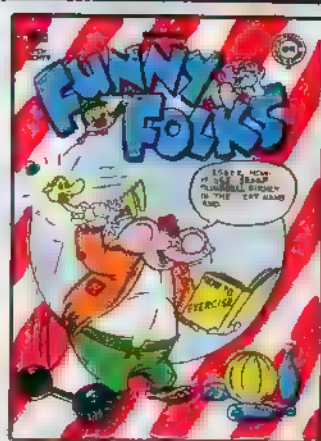
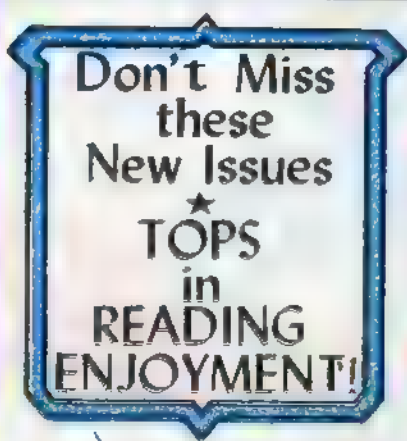
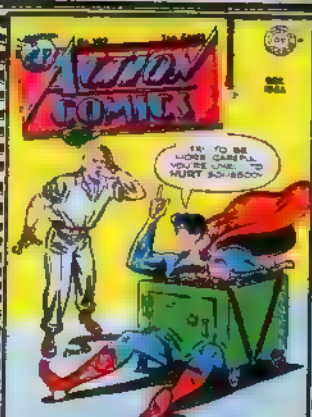
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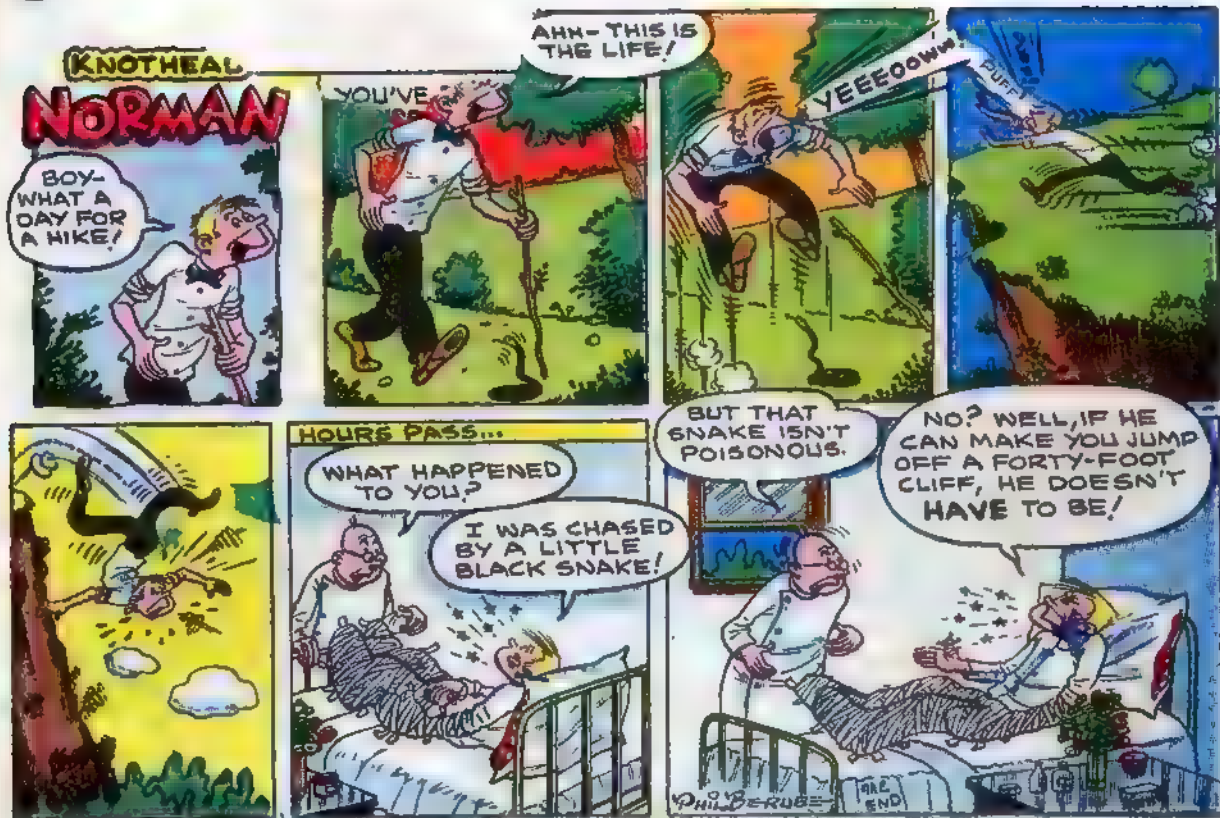
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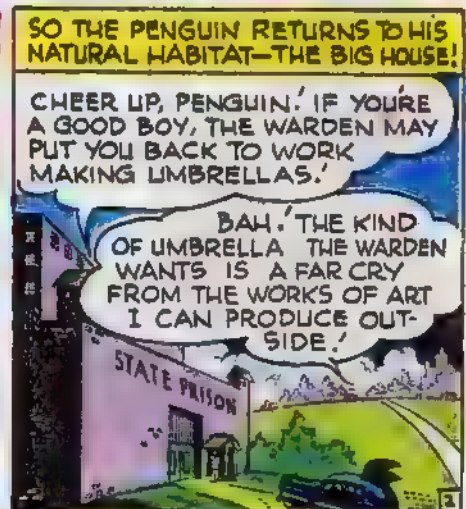
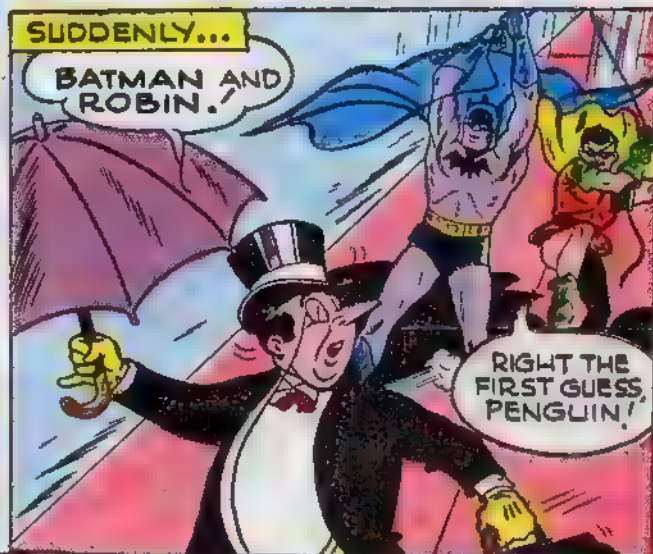
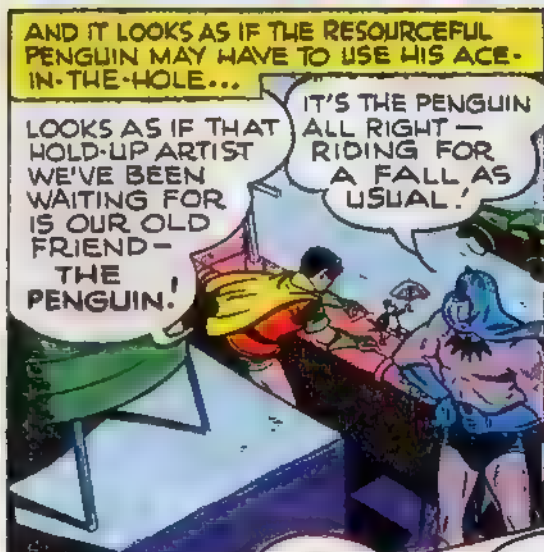
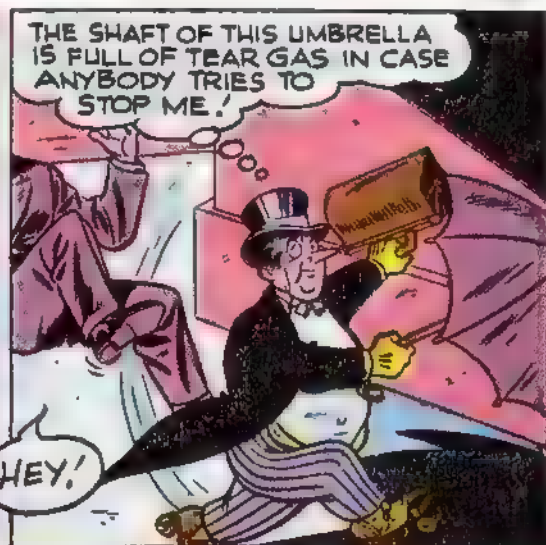
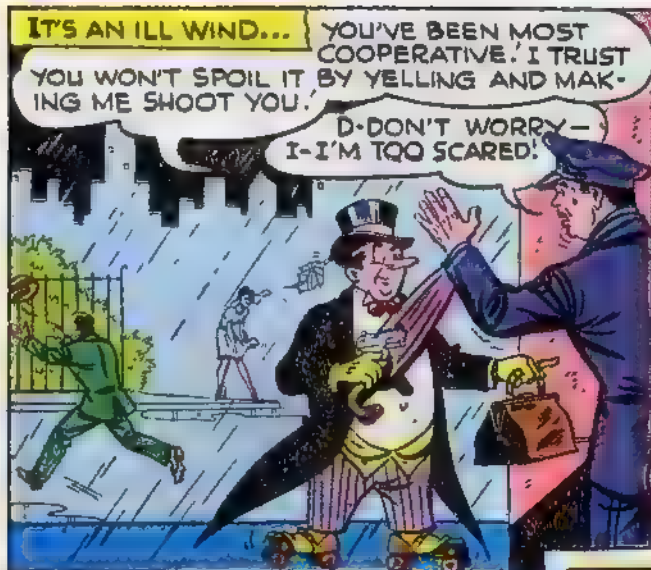
-THE BOY WONDER-



NOW SHOWING

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO MEND, THEY SAY... BUT WHEN A CURIOUS COMEDY OF ERRORS GIVES THAT DROLL UMBRELLA-MENDER, THE PENGUIN, A CHANCE TO MEND HIS CRIMINAL WAYS... AND FOR THE FIRST TIME BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE ON HIS SIDE INSTEAD OF AGAINST HIM... WHAT HAPPENS? ...IT TAKES THIRTEEN THRILL-PACKED PAGES TO TELL. AND YOU'LL BE AMAZED ON EVERY ONE OF THEM AS YOU FOLLOW THE EXCITING, IF BRIEF, CAREER OF...

"THE PENGUIN ON PAROLE!"



TIME PASSES... AND NOT EVEN THE GRIMNESS OF PRISON CAN STIFLE THE PENGUIN'S INGENUITY...

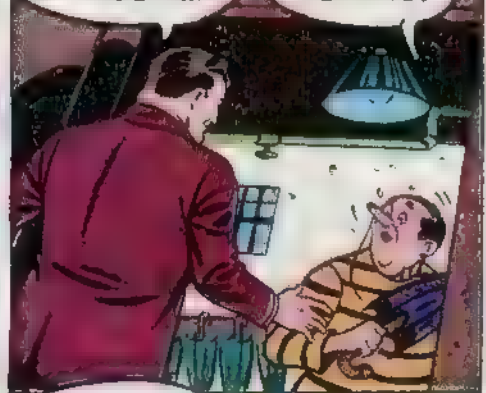
THIS FLAME-THROWING UMBRELLA WILL SET ME FREE!



BUT THE WARDEN MAKES AN UNEXPECTED INSPECTION TOUR, AND...

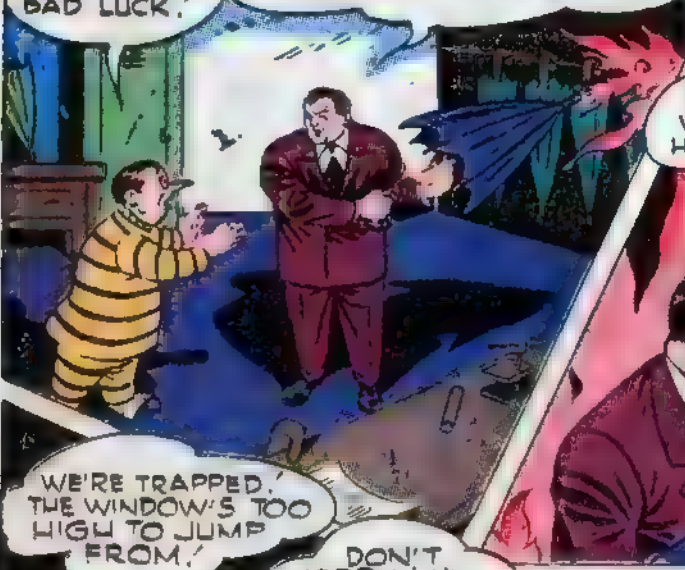
WELL, PENGUIN, I SEE YOU'RE KEEPING OUT OF MISCHIEF!

HUH? HELLO, WARDEN! ER... THIS IS AN HONOR!



DON'T OPEN IT, WARDEN! IT'S... UH... BAD LUCK!

PENGUIN, YOU SURPRISE ME! A MAN OF YOUR INTELLIGENCE SHOULDN'T BE SUPERSTITIOUS!



GREAT SCOTT-FIRE! DEFECTIVE WIRING MUST HAVE STARTED IT!

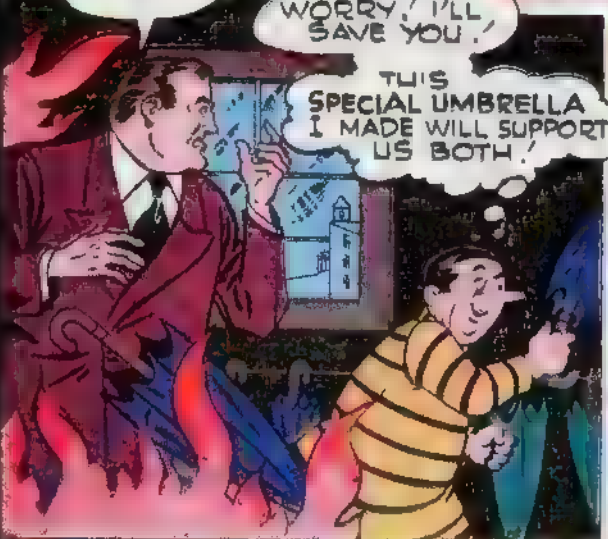
THERE GOES MY ESCAPE PLAN! BUT HE DOESN'T SUSPECT WHAT I WAS UP TO—AND WON'T, IF I'M SMART!



WE'RE TRAPPED! THE WINDOW'S TOO HIGH TO JUMP FROM!

DON'T WORRY! I'LL SAVE YOU!

THIS SPECIAL UMBRELLA I MADE WILL SUPPORT US BOTH!



HEROES ARE MADE, NOT BORN, THEY SAY... AND SOME ARE MADE BY ACCIDENT!

I OWE YOU MY LIFE, PENGUIN, AND I'LL SEE THAT YOU'RE REWARDED!

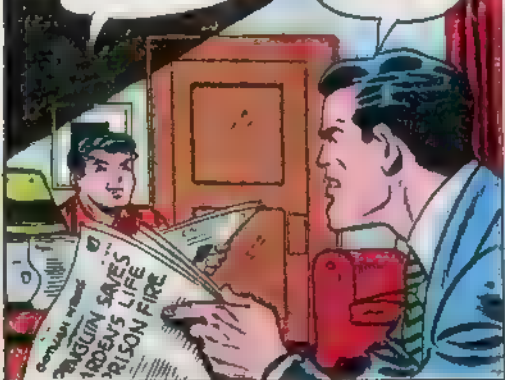
I SAW MY DUTY, AND I DID IT, THAT'S ALL!



NEXT DAY, IN BRUCE WAYNE'S HOME...

AND THE WARDEN CALLS THE PENGUIN HIS "FRIEND"!

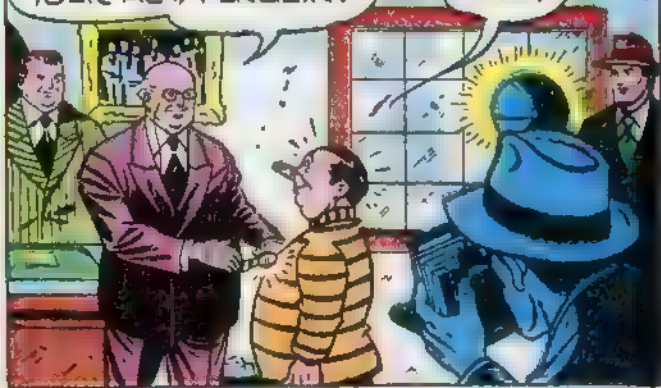
THE PENGUIN HAS CHANGED - OR SOMETHING'S FISHY!



AND THE GOVERNOR, IN PERSON, REWARDS THE PENGUIN!

THIS MEDAL OF HONOR IS A TOKEN OF THE STATE'S GRATITUDE FOR YOUR ACT, PENGUIN!

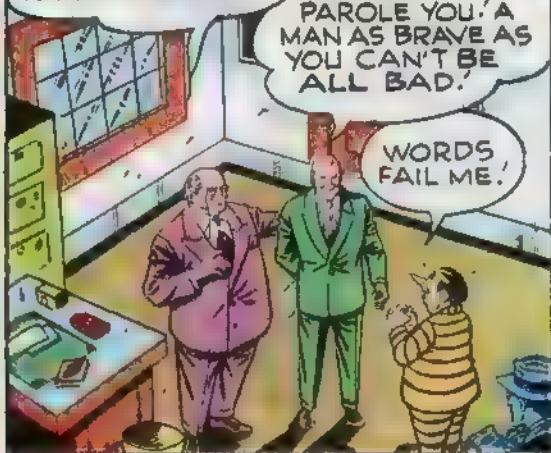
GOVERNOR, YOU OVERWHELM ME!



MEET THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE PAROLE BOARD!

PENGUIN, THE BOARD HAS VOTED TO PAROLE YOU! A MAN AS BRAVE AS YOU CAN'T BE ALL BAD!

WORDS FAIL ME!



SO THE PENGUIN GAINS HIS LIBERTY! BUT...

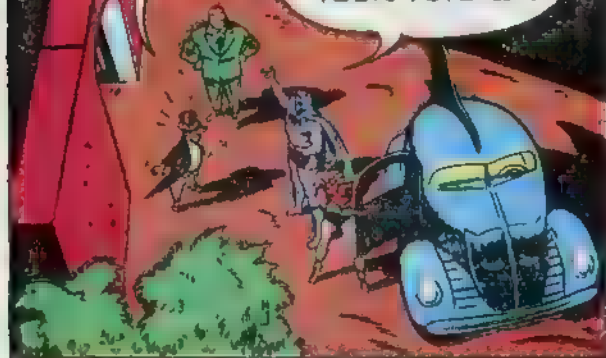
WARDEN, BELIEVE ME, I'M GOING STRAIGHT FROM NOW ON!

GOOD, PENGUIN!... AH-AND HERE ARE THE GENTLEMEN IN WHOSE CUSTODY YOU ARE BEING PAROLED.



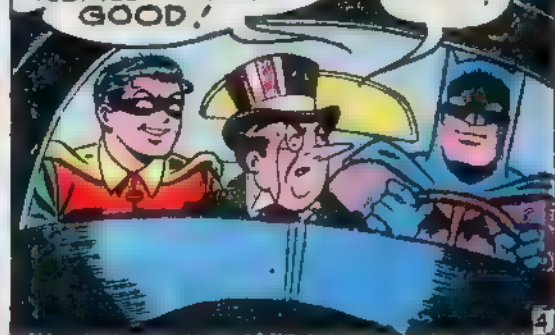
...THERE'S A BUT! WHAT? BATMAN AND ROBIN!

SURPRISED, PENGUIN? THE PAROLE BOARD DECIDED WE'D DONE SO WELL IN CHECKING ON YOUR PAST, WE COULD MANAGE YOUR FUTURE.



YOU'RE TO REPORT TO US TWICE A WEEK IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE, PENGUIN- AND NO ONE WILL BE HAPPIER THAN WE IF YOU REALLY MAKE GOOD!

OF COURSE I'LL MAKE GOOD, BATMAN! WITH MY GENIUS, HOW COULD I FAIL?





AND WE'LL HAVE TO GIVE THE PENGUIN CREDIT FOR TRYING ...

YA MEAN YA'RE TURNING DOWN OUR SCHEME FOR A MILLION-DOLLAR STICKUP? YA MUST BE STIR-CRAZY!

NEVER DARKEN MY DOOR AGAIN, BIG-TOOTH BARKUS! FROM NOW ON, MY PATH LIES WITHIN THE LAW!



BUT, LEGITIMATE AND DAZZLING SUCCESS DOES NOT COME IMMEDIATELY...

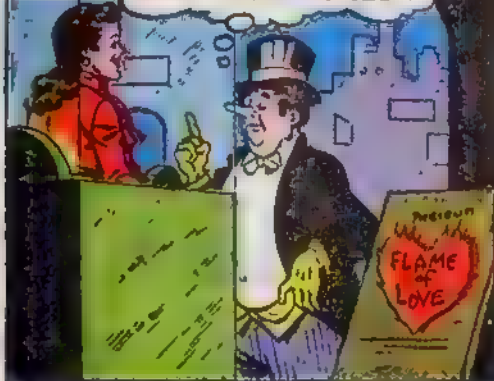
OF COURSE, YOU'D HAVE TO START AT \$25,000 A YEAR!..

SUCH A PALTRY SUM IS UNWORTHY OF MY TALENTS! GOOD DAY, SIR!

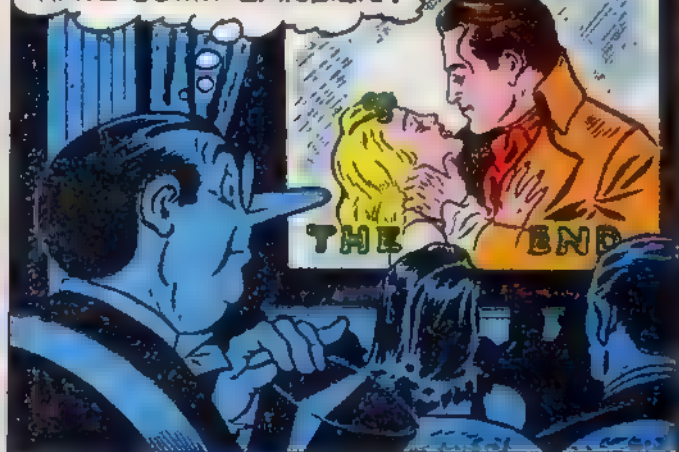


IDLENESS AND BOREDOM LEAD OUR PAROLEE TO A MOVIE...

PERHAPS ROMANCE IS WHAT I NEED TO KEEP ME IN TUNE WITH THE WORLD!



HOW TOUCHING! TOO BAD I MISSED THE HEROIC ACTION THAT MUST HAVE COME EARLIER!



THEN...

SPLendid! I LOVE COMIC CARTOON PICTURES.

ANIMATED ANTICS PRODUCERS OF KLASSICOLOR KOMEDIES present THAT ANIMATED IMBECILE...



HA-HA-HA!

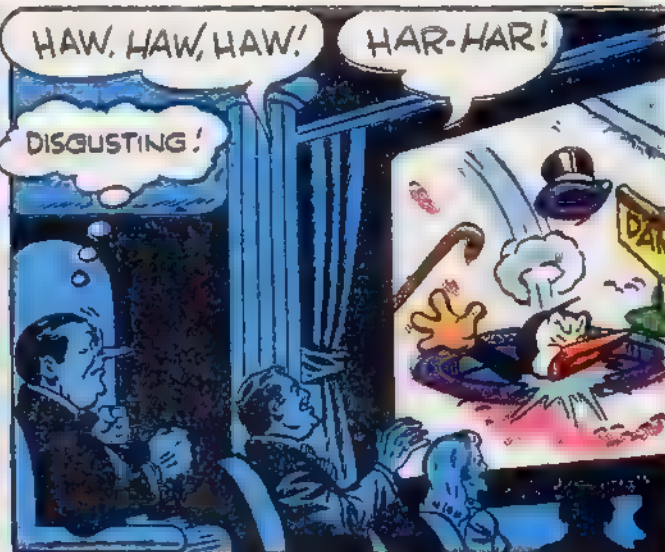
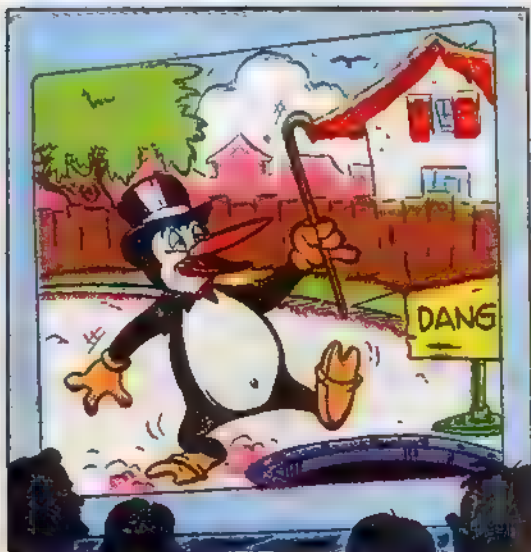
HO-HO!

GREAT CAESAR! AM I DREAMING?

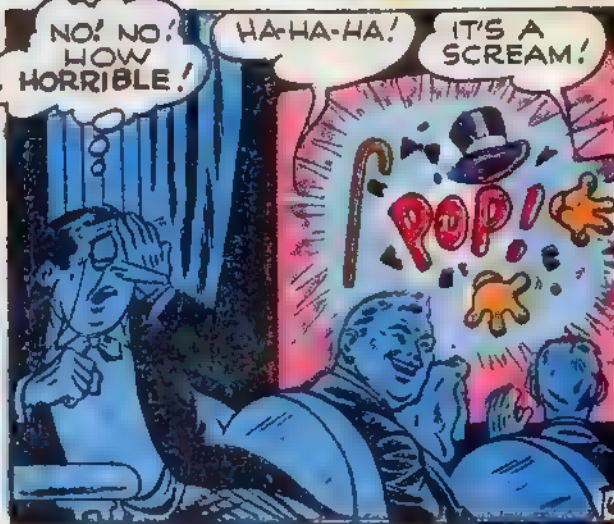
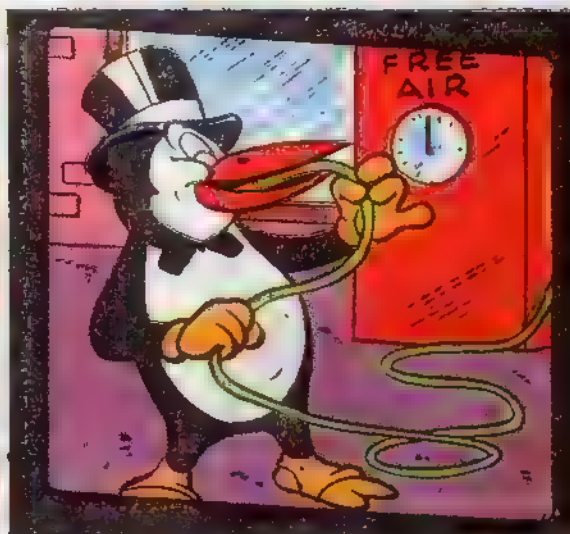
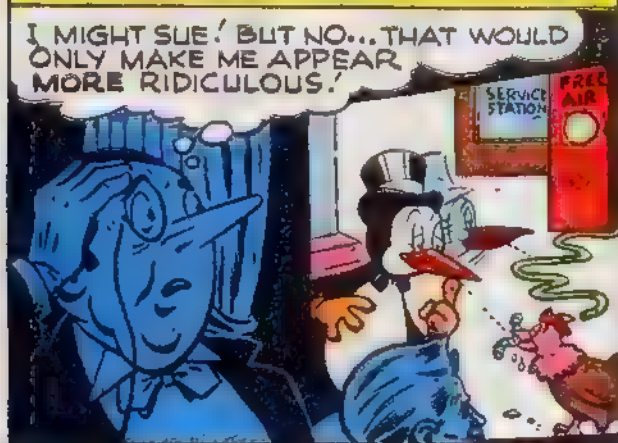
PETER PENGUIN IN "POP GOES THE PENGUIN"

I'M A CLASSY MODEL AS I WAD WAD WADDLE ALONG





FIVE MINUTES AGO THE PENGUIN THOUGHT OF HIMSELF AS A HEROIC FIGURE... NOW HE'S BEING CARICATURED AS A CLOWN...





BUT THE WORST IS YET TO COME! AS THE SHOW ENDS...

LOOK—PETER PENGUIN!

PLEASE, MAY I HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH?

HAW, HAW!



NOR IS THERE RELIEF IN THE DAYS TO COME... FOR PETER PENGUIN BECOMES A FAD IN GOTHAM CITY...

LOOK, MA, HE'S GOT A FALSE PETER PENGUIN, FACE, TOO!

THIS IS GHASTLY!

TOYS



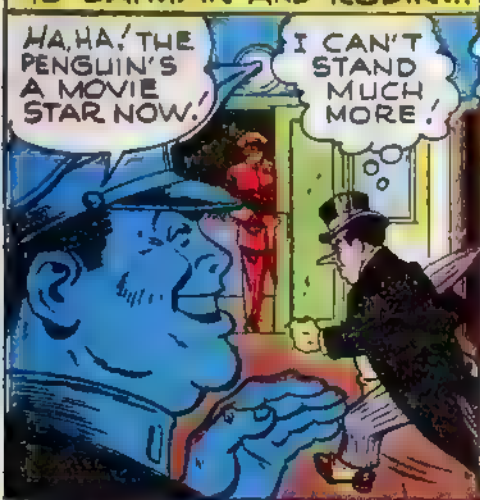
EVEN AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, WHEN THE PENGUIN REPORTS TO BATMAN AND ROBIN...

HA, HA! THE PENGUIN'S A MOVIE STAR NOW!

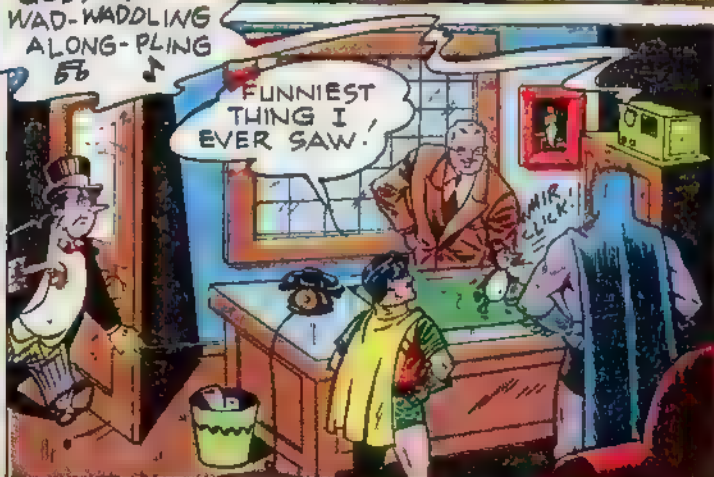
I CAN'T STAND MUCH MORE!

BUT PETER PENGUIN GOES WAD-WAD-WADDLING ALONG-PLING

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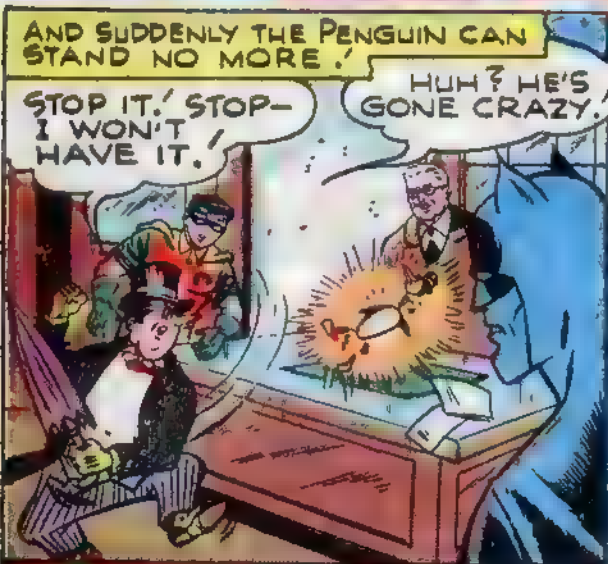
FUNNIEST THING I EVER SAW!



AND SUDDENLY THE PENGUIN CAN STAND NO MORE!

STOP IT! STOP—I WON'T HAVE IT!

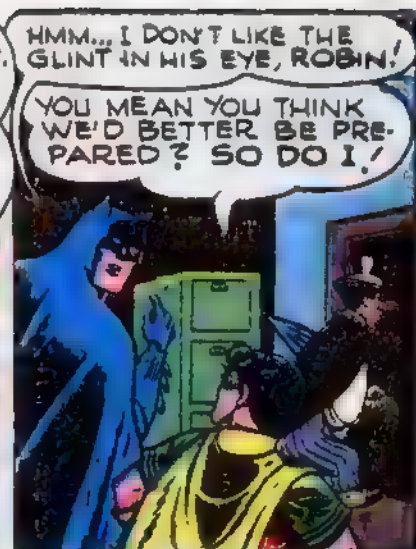
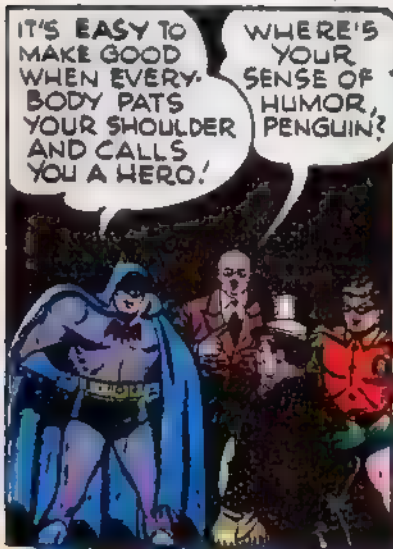
HUH? HE'S GONE CRAZY!



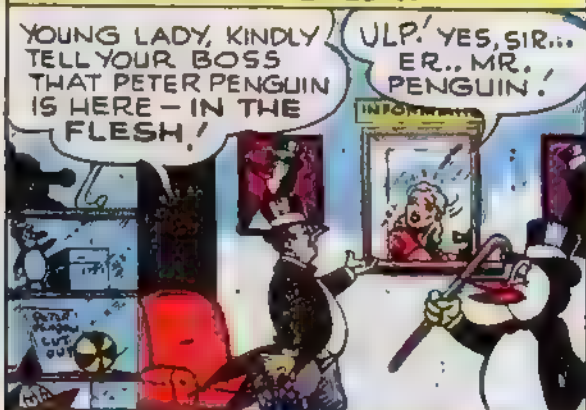
TSK, TSK! YOU CAN'T TAKE IT, PENGUIN!

AT LEAST, PEOPLE RESPECTED ME WHEN I WAS A CROOK!

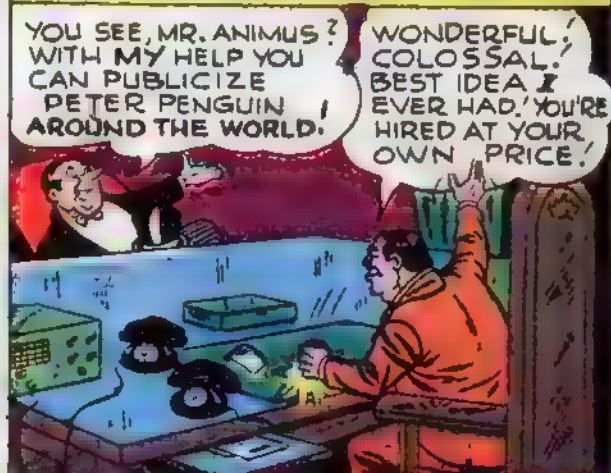




THE PENGUIN WALKS THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW PATH...AS FAR AS THE OFFICES OF ANIMATED ANTICS, INC... PRODUCERS OF PETER PENGUIN EPICS...

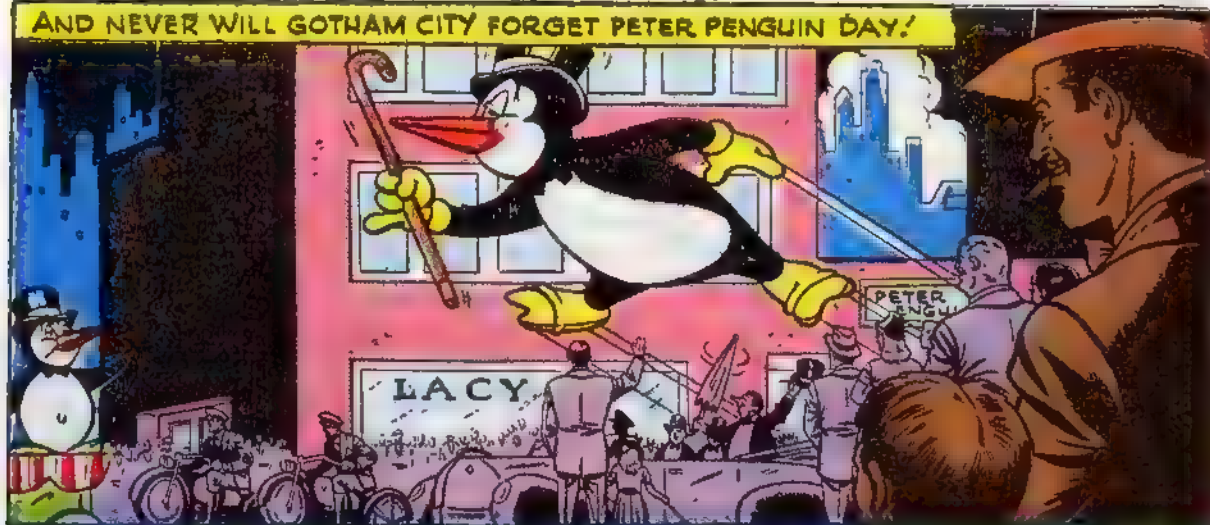


AND, AT LAST, THE PENGUIN FINDS A JOB!





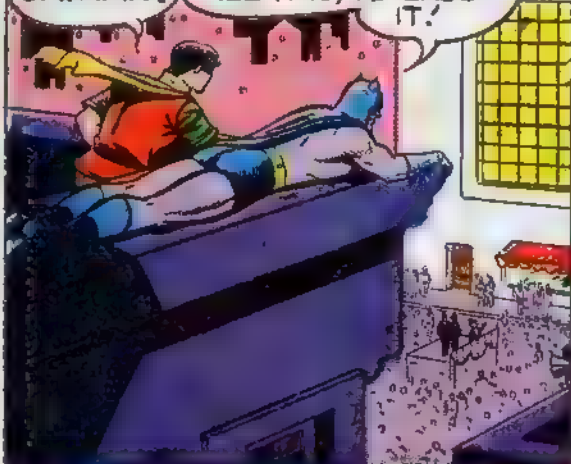
AND NEVER WILL GOTHAM CITY FORGET PETER PENGUIN DAY!



FROM A POINT OF VANTAGE ABOVE THE OFFICIAL REVIEWING STAND...

QUITE A SHOW, EH, BATMAN?

IT CERTAINLY IS! AND IF I COULD BE SURE THAT'S ALL IT IS, I'D ENJOY IT!



OTHERS WATCH SURREPTITIOUSLY ALSO...

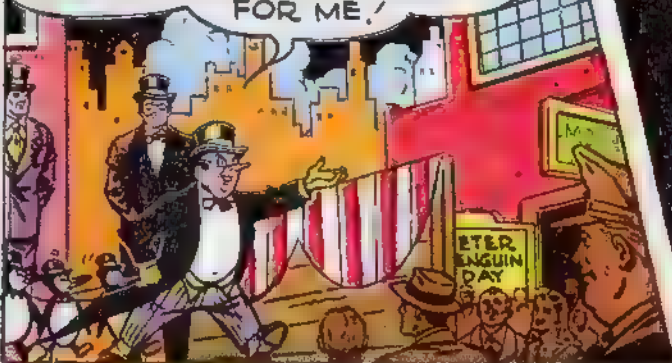
WHAT A SET-UP! I CAN HARDLY WAIT!

CHEE, WE WAS SURE WRONG WHEN WE TUGHT DA PENGUIN HAD GONE SOFT ON US!



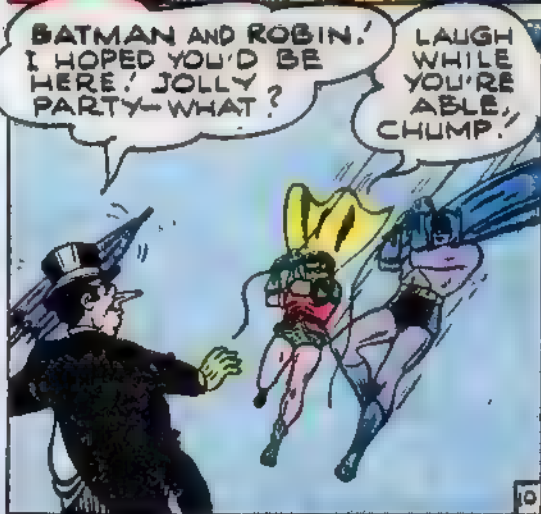
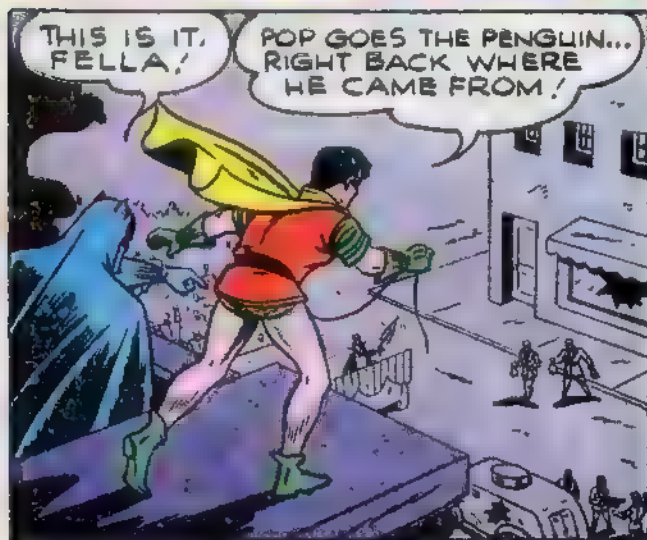
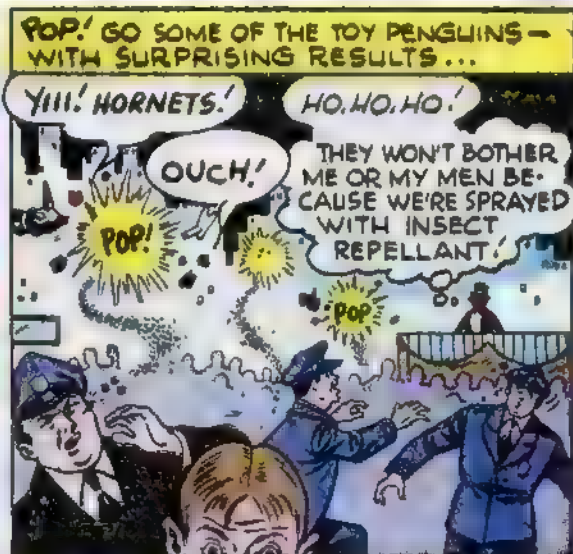
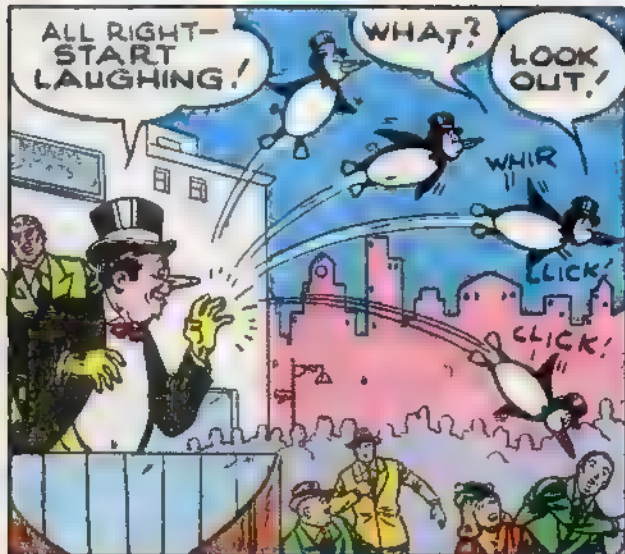
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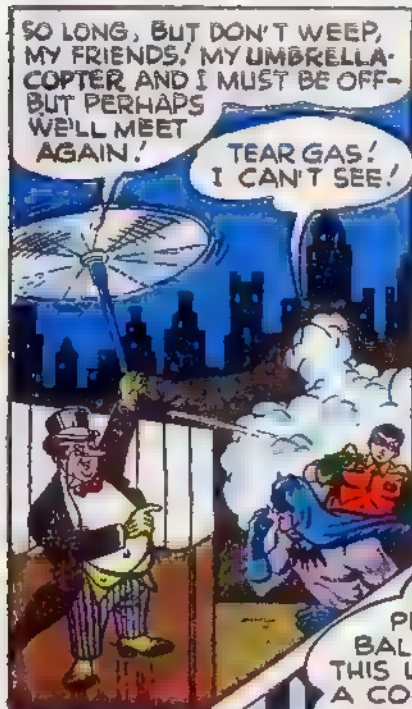
GREETINGS, IDIOTS AND MORONS! THIS IS A HAPPY OCCASION FOR ME!



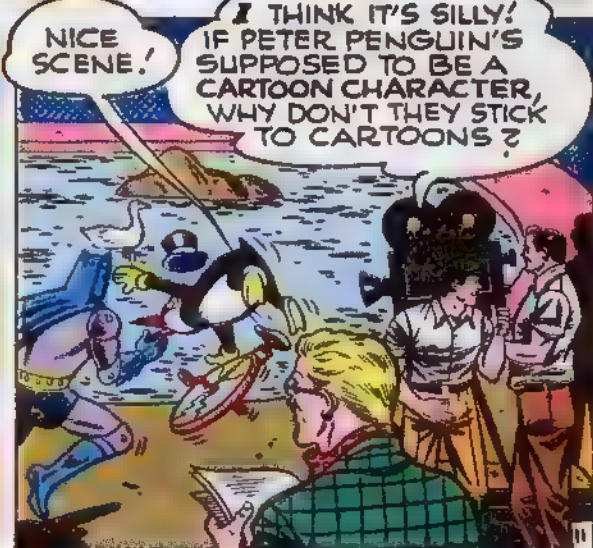
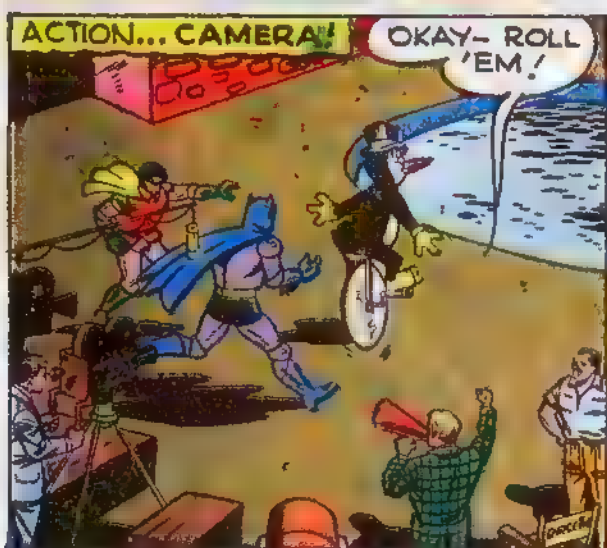
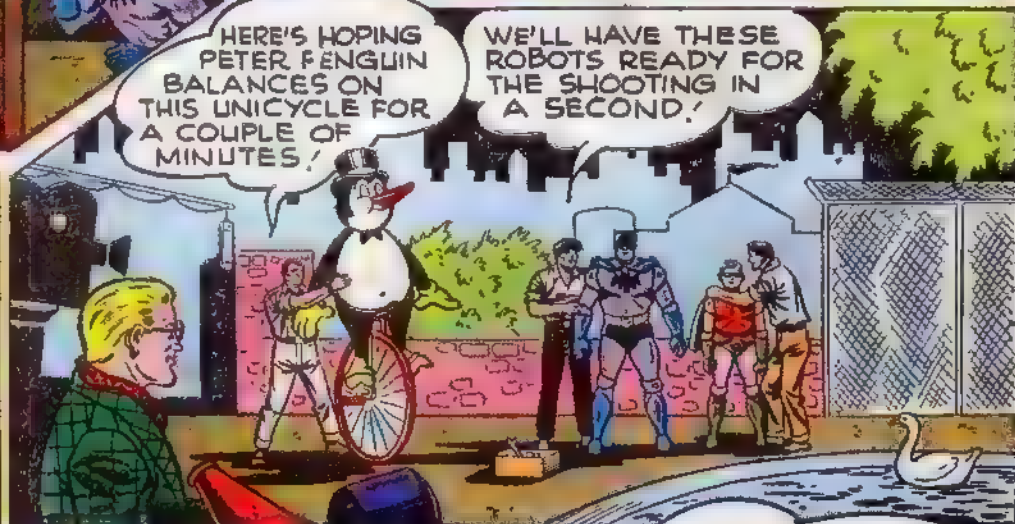
YOU'VE HAD A LOT OF FUN LAUGHING AT ME! NOW I'M GOING TO DO SOMETHING REALLY FUNNY!







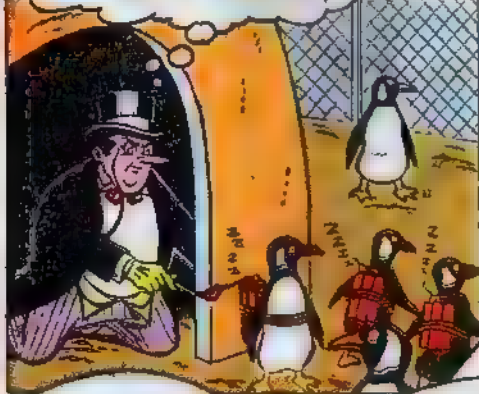
AND A FEW DAYS LATER, AT GOTHAM ZOO, CAMERAS ARE SET AND ANIMATED FIGURES GEARED FOR ACTION...





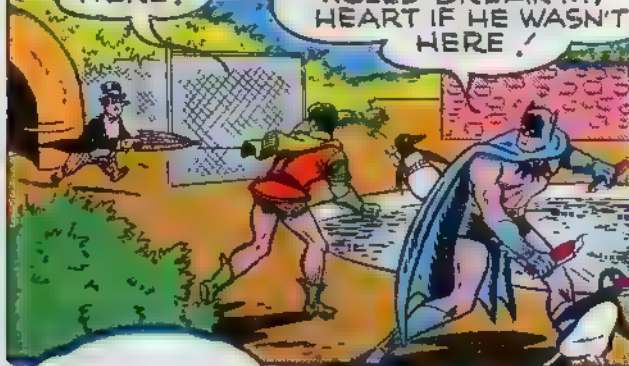
IN A NEARBY PEN OF PENGUINS...

PENGUINS ARE NATURALLY CURIOUS, SO THEY'LL HEAD STRAIGHT FOR THE CAMERAMEN WHEN I LET THEM OUT... AND THEN WE'LL SEE WHO'S TRICKING WHOM!



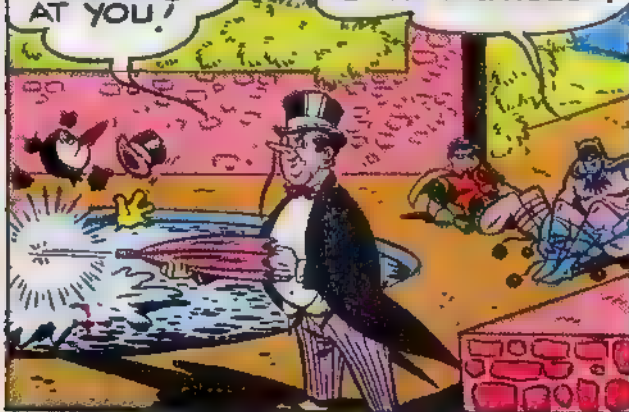
WATER WILL EXTINGUISH THE FUSES... OH-OH! LOOK WHO'S HERE!

AFTER ALL THE TROUBLE WE WENT TO, STAGING THIS, IT WOULD BREAK MY HEART IF HE WASN'T HERE!



BE THANKFUL I'M FIRING THIS EXPLOSIVE BULLET AT PETER PENGUIN INSTEAD OF AT YOU!

WE'LL MENTION IT TO THE WARDEN WHEN WE TAKE YOU BACK TO THE BIG HOUSE!

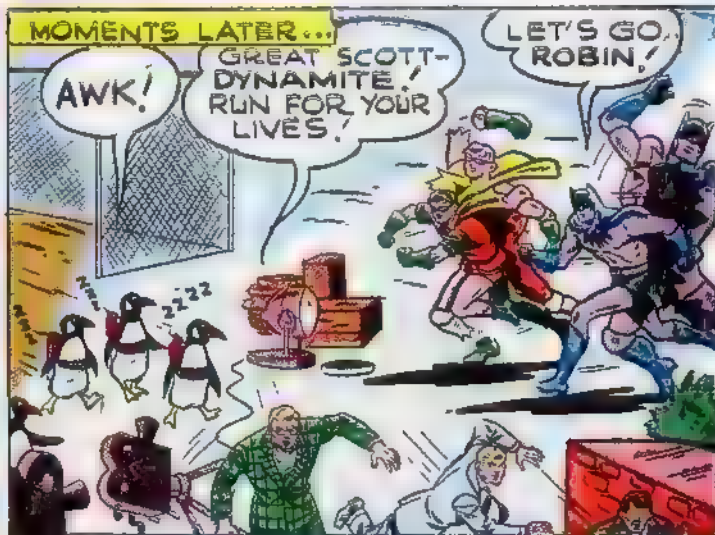


MOMENTS LATER...

AWK!

GREAT SCOTT-DYNAMITE! RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!

LET'S GO, ROBIN!



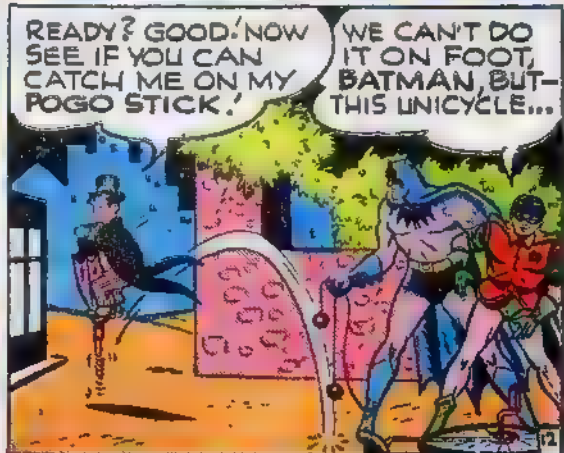
HO, HO, HO! THEY WERE ONLY DUMMY STICKS OF DYNAMITE... TO FOOL DUMMIES!

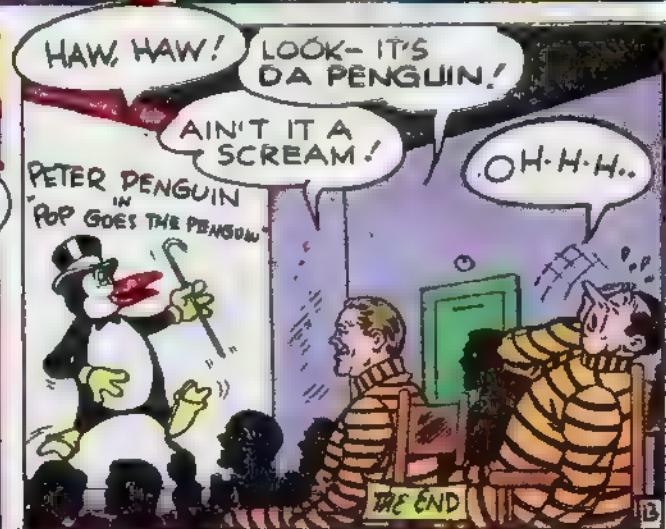
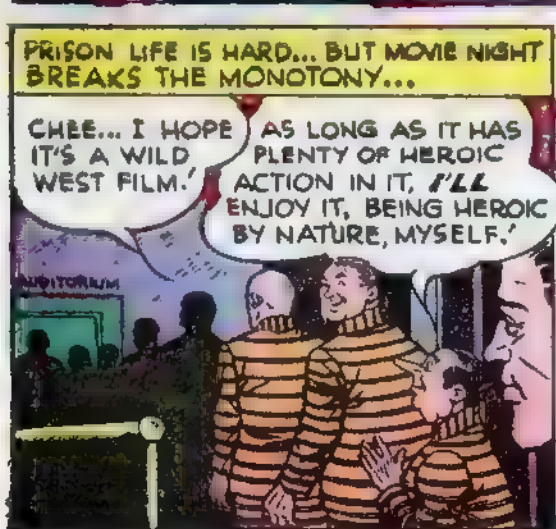
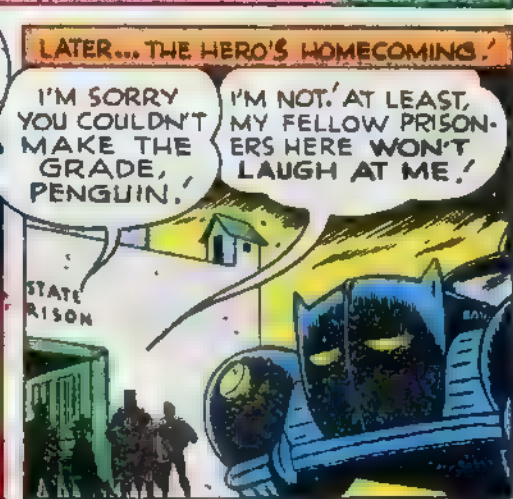
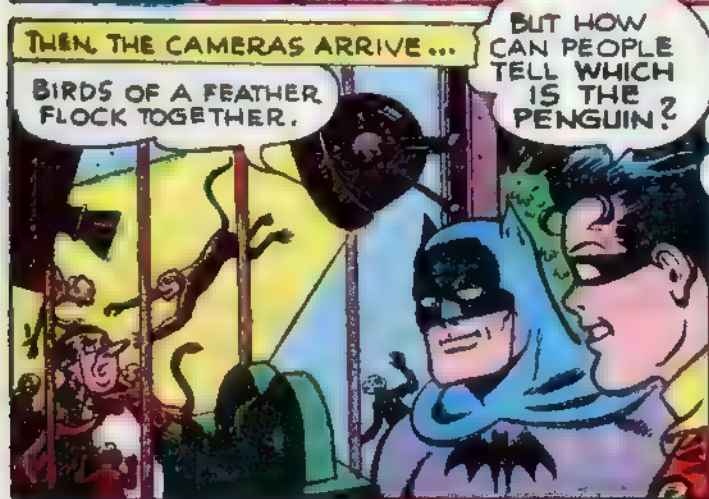
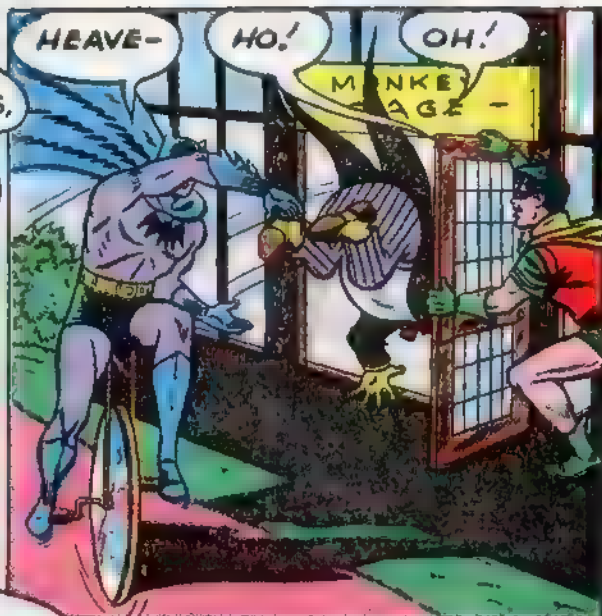
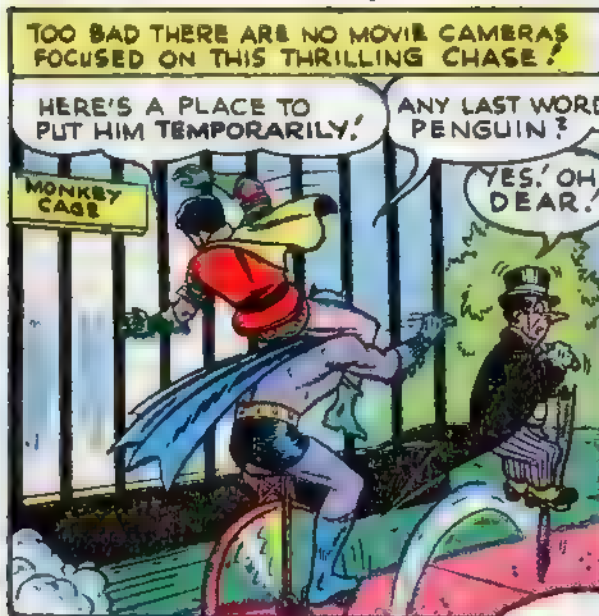
WHUP!



READY? GOOD! NOW SEE IF YOU CAN CATCH ME ON MY POGO STICK!

WE CAN'T DO IT ON FOOT, BATMAN, BUT- THIS UNICYCLE...







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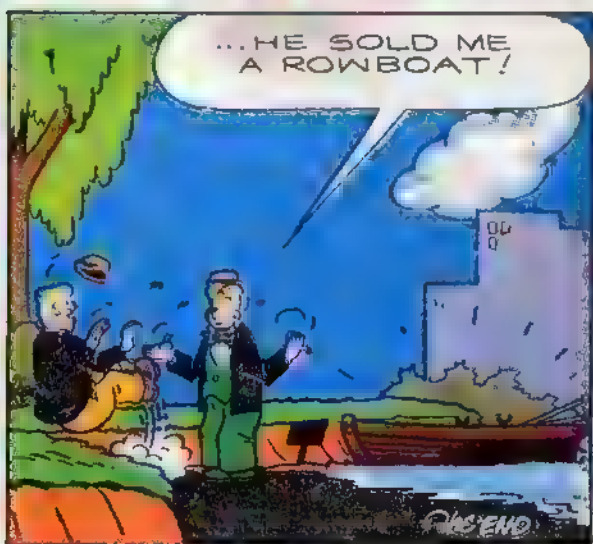
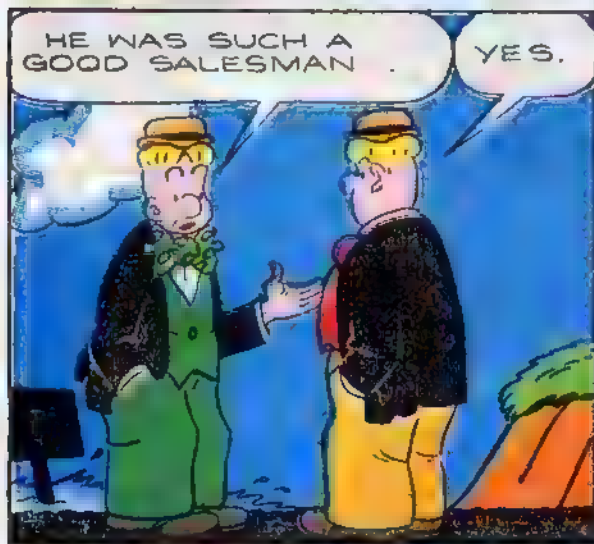
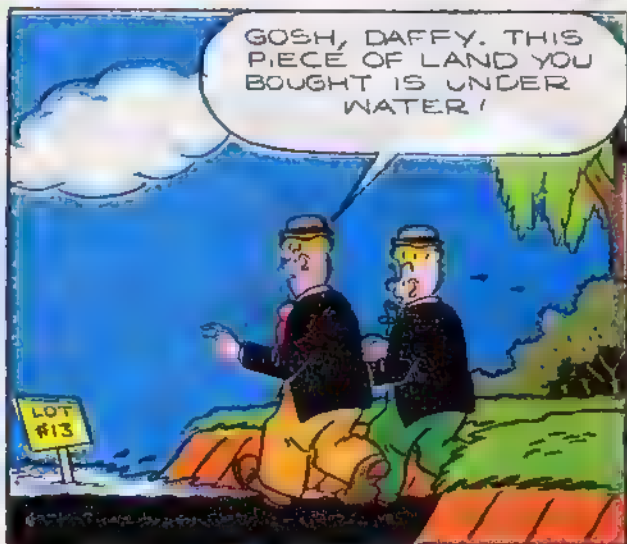
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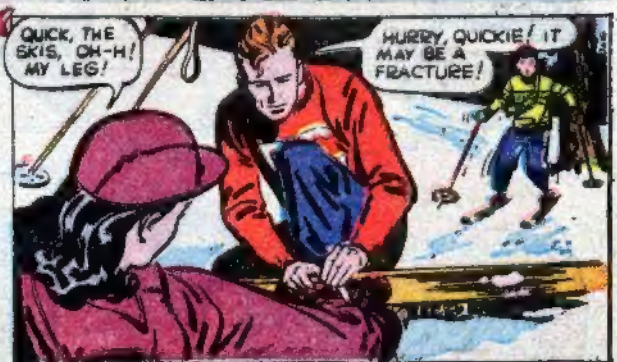
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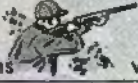









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BOYS! SHOW THIS MESSAGE TO YOUR PARENTS!

You'll never see a real outdoorsman  aim or shoot his rifle at anything but a safe, proper target... he handles his firearms  with care and respect. Your Daisy is made for fun shooting. It is not a lethal weapon but... like a knife,  or auto it may cause damage if handled carelessly. So do not aim or shoot at windows, street lights, song-birds,  pets, property or any other person... ever! Remember,  carelessness causes accidents to millions of Americans every year in cars, homes  factories. So... if you are careless with your Daisy or abuse the privilege of owning one.... your parents,  guardian  or police  have the right to take it from you... and  should! Don't let this happen. Be careful. Aim and shoot safe, Buddy!



MEMORIZE THE SHOOTER'S SAFETY PLEDGE!

I pledge myself to PROTECT animals, property and people in my community by always aiming and shooting my Daisy safely!

Get Your DAISY HANDBOOK NOW!

Ready—the amazing 128-page DAISY HANDBOOK—your guide to safer shooting, more fun! Featuring Red Ryder, Buck Rogers comic strips—atomic bombs—how to saddle western style—adventure stories—jokes—mechanical marvels explained—trick shots—manual of marksmanship—woodcraft tips—many others. Also included... complete Daisy Air Rifle Catalog describing the beautiful Daisys being made and delivered to dealers fast as the supply of materials and labor permits. Get your Handbook. Hurry—limited supply. Mail dime (10c) and unused 3c stamp with name, address to Daisy—we'll send Handbook postpaid!



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SAFETY TIPS



BICYCLE SAFELY...

Careless bicycling may cause accidents! Always ride single file. Never "hitch on" to car or truck. Follow all traffic signs, rules. Avoid ruts. Ride close to right edge of road. Use hand signals for turns, stops.

ROLLER SKATE SAFELY...

Avoid roller skating accidents by being careful. Always skate on sidewalk. Come to stop at curbs. Cross streets at corners only. Do not "hitch" on to bicyclists. Cross small cracks at right angles.



DRIVE SAFELY...

An average of more than ONE MILLION children, women, men are injured every year in traffic accidents! Think that over, Buddy! Decide now that when you are old enough to get your driver's license—and after you get it—you will remember and follow the safety driving rules you learned.

CROSS STREETS SAFELY...

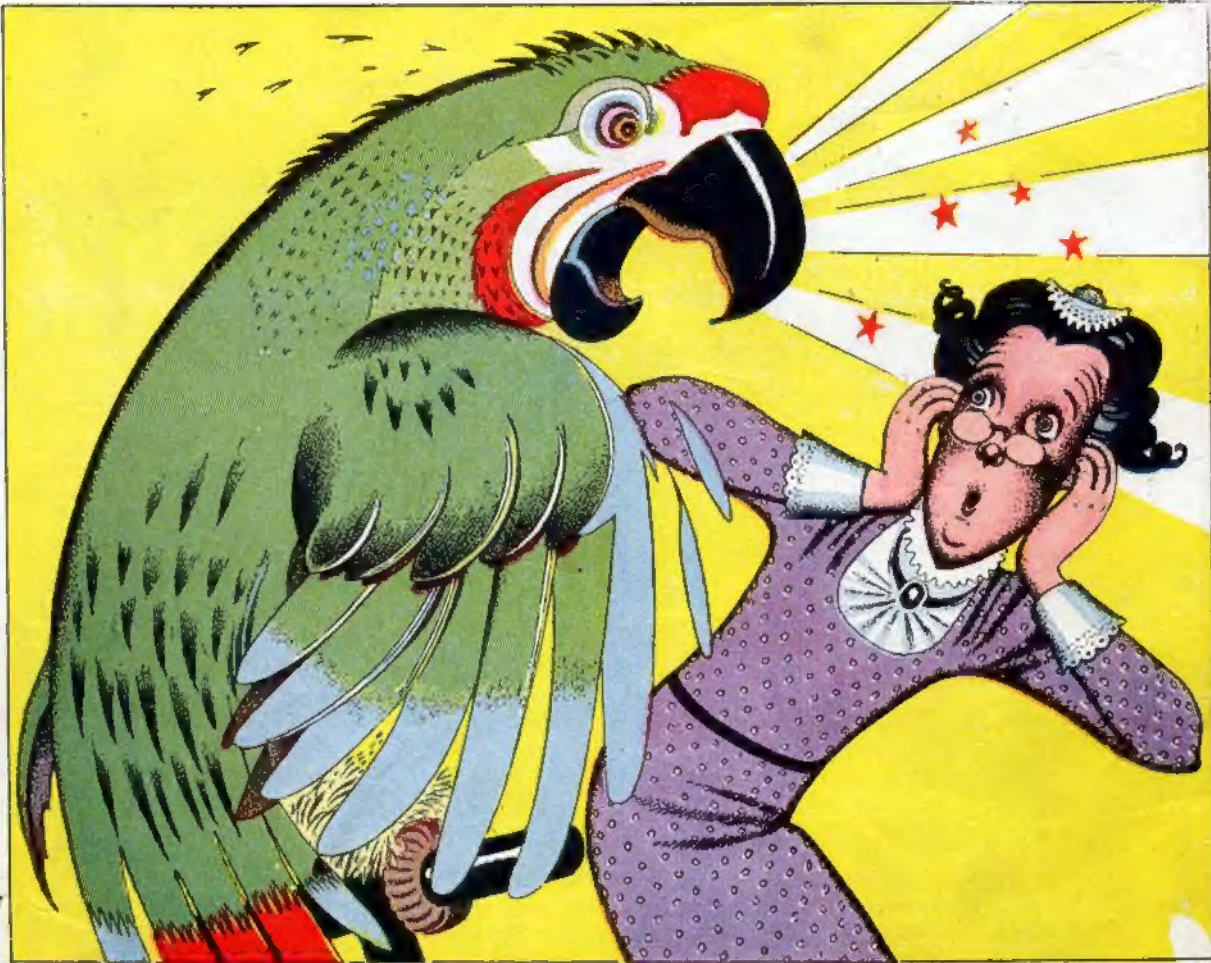
Always stop at curb, look right and left to see if street is clear. Cross streets only at corners. Obey signal lights. Remember, an auto moves faster than you can run. And don't run... walk!



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